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STATE OF WISCONSIN,

PLAINTIFF,

JURY TRIAL  
TRIAL - DAY 7  
Case No. 05 CF 381

vs.

STEVEN A. AVERY,

DEFENDANT.

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DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2007

BEFORE: Hon. Patrick L. Willis  
Circuit Court Judge

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Defendant.  
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1 (Jury present.)  
2 THE COURT: The Court calls State of  
3 Wisconsin vs. Steven Avery, Case No. 05 CF 381.  
4 We're here this morning for the continuation of the  
5 trial in this matter. Will the parties state their  
6 appearances for the record, please.  
7 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Good morning, Judge, the  
8 State appears by Calumet County D.A. Ken Kratz,  
9 Assistant Attorney General Tom Fallon, Assistant  
10 D.A. Norm Gahn, appearing as Special Prosecutors.  
11 ATTORNEY BUTING: Good morning, your Honor,  
12 Attorney Jerome Buting and Dean Strang appearing  
13 with Mr. Avery today.  
14 THE COURT: All right. I believe when we  
15 left yesterday the State had completed it's direct  
16 examination of Officer Tyson and the Defense will  
17 begin cross-examination today. Is the witness here?  
18 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.  
19 SERGEANT WILLIAM TYSON, called as a  
20 witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was  
21 examined and testified as follows:  
22 THE CLERK: Please be seated. Please state  
23 your name and spell your last name for the record.  
24 THE WITNESS: William Tyson, T-y-s-o-n.  
25 CROSS-EXAMINATION



1 BY ATTORNEY BUTING:  
2 Q. Good morning, Sergeant.  
3 A. Good Morning.  
4 Q. Let me start right off by directing your  
5 attention to November 5th, first arrival at the  
6 scene, okay, remember that?  
7 A. Yes, sir.  
8 Q. You testified yesterday that you arrived at, I  
9 believe about 2:45. It was about five minutes to  
10 three by the time you got up to where the RAV4  
11 was located; does that fit with your  
12 recollection?  
13 A. Correct.  
14 Q. All right. And I don't know if you need to  
15 refresh your recollection with your report, just  
16 let me know if you do, okay?  
17 A. Okay.  
18 Q. But from what I understand, it appears that you  
19 left that area at 3:10 p.m., just 15 minutes  
20 later?  
21 A. Correct.  
22 Q. You were called back to the command center to do  
23 some other assignments?  
24 A. Correct.  
25 Q. And during that 15 minutes, when you first

1 arrived, was the RAV4 covered with a tarp or was  
2 it uncovered?

3 A. It was uncovered.

4 Q. Okay. But during that 15 minutes is the period  
5 of time when the tarps were put over the RAV;  
6 isn't that right?

7 A. Yes, they were attempting to get that tarp in  
8 place.

9 Q. Okay. And you testified about that and you were  
10 actually one of the people who helped put it over  
11 the RAV4?

12 A. I never physically touched the tarp. I did  
13 assist with getting some objects, I believe, from  
14 a vehicle that was right next to it.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. To secure it down, to prevent it from blowing  
17 away.

18 Q. Okay. So you were just helping as others were  
19 building this, like, tent, like, object over the  
20 RAV?

21 A. That would be accurate, yes.

22 Q. Okay. And you were taking extreme care,  
23 everybody was taking extreme care so that it  
24 wouldn't actually -- the tarp wouldn't actually  
25 touch the RAV4 itself?

1 A. Yes, all the officers were very conscious of that  
2 fact.  
3 Q. So there was space around it, underneath the  
4 tarp, right?  
5 A. They were trying to do the best they could to  
6 make sure that the top of the vehicle was not  
7 touched by the tarp.  
8 Q. Okay. And that was completed, that operation of  
9 putting the tarp over it was completed by the  
10 time you were called away to the command center,  
11 right?  
12 A. They were still working on it when I was relieved  
13 of my duties. There were some issues, the winds  
14 were picking up. I know they were trying their  
15 best to get that situated. I don't believe, to  
16 the best of my recollection, that that was  
17 totally finished by the time I was released.  
18 Q. Okay. But largely covered, being able to weigh  
19 it down still; is that the gist of it?  
20 A. I think that would be accurate.  
21 Q. Making some adjustments, perhaps?  
22 A. That would be accurate.  
23 Q. Okay. So, if -- if we heard other testimony that  
24 showed that the RAV4 was still completely covered  
25 with the tarp at 4:16 p.m., then that would mean,

1           for at least one hour, that RAV4 was covered;  
2           would that be right?

3       A.    Yeah, it was, you know, like I said, I left at 10  
4           minutes after three, they were still doing some  
5           adjustments to it. So, yeah, if you heard  
6           testimony at 10 after 4, I was not down there so  
7           I don't know for sure.

8       Q.    So you never went back to that site?

9       A.    Correct.

10      Q.    The rest of the night you never went back to see  
11           the RAV4 yourself?

12      A.    I believe later on in the evening, after the  
13           canine dogs had searched the area, I was down in  
14           that area, but not near the RAV4. I was down by  
15           the pond area and through the lanes, but never  
16           really directly by the RAV.

17      Q.    By the way, did you see -- Can you -- can you  
18           tell me when you first saw Lieutenant Lenk at the  
19           Avery salvage that day?

20      A.    My recollection, the first time I saw Lieutenant  
21           Lenk would have been up at the command center on  
22           the top of the hill.

23      Q.    All right. Well, would that have been the first  
24           time you got there, or would that have been  
25           later, which time?

1 A. It would have been after I cleared from the  
2 Toyota RAV. We were up at the command center.  
3 There were officers who I did not know at that  
4 time. I never met these officers, was introduced  
5 to those officers.

6 Q. Okay. So around 3:15 or so is when you think you  
7 were introduced to Lieutenant Lenk up at that  
8 command center?

9 A. I can't be sure if he was on scene immediately  
10 when I got there, or if he showed up a half hour  
11 later. I really don't know for sure what time he  
12 showed up on scene.

13 Q. Okay. What about Sergeant Colborn?

14 A. Same would apply to him, I never met Sergeant  
15 Colborn before so I didn't know who he was. I  
16 was introduced to him, but I can't be certain  
17 what time they actually showed up at the scene.

18 Q. All right. Now, when you first arrived at the  
19 RAV4 location at approximately 3:00, you were  
20 actually the first Calumet officer to relieve any  
21 Manitowoc officer from security in that immediate  
22 area, right?

23 A. That's my understanding.

24 Q. All right. So that if the first officers --  
25 Manitowoc officers arrived at about 11:00 a.m. to

1           3:00 p.m., that means the first four hours that  
2           that vehicle was in that location Calumet was not  
3           securing it, Manitowoc was securing it, right?  
4       A.    I don't know exactly who was securing it. All I  
5           know is I believe the Manitowoc deputy, if there  
6           were other DCI officers there, I really don't  
7           know.  
8       Q.    So you don't know what happened before you came,  
9           you just know as far as Calumet goes -- Calumet  
10          officers, you were the first?  
11       A.    That's what I was told.  
12       Q.    All right. Now, when you went to the Command  
13          Post, the first time, when you first checked in  
14          at 2:45 or so, you had the -- were you introduced  
15          to who was in charge at that point?  
16       A.    No, my recollection is, is when I arrived with  
17          Deputy Bass, I was met by Investigator Wiegert  
18          and Steier and they informed me to respond  
19          directly down into the junkyard area. I don't  
20          believe I got out and socialized with the group  
21          at all. It was just, you need to go down there  
22          and take care of whatever they need your  
23          assistance with.  
24       Q.    So you weren't told at that time about this  
25          decision to transfer authority away from

1           Manitowoc to Calumet County, or were you?

2       A.    I was not.

3       Q.    All right. That didn't come until later when you

4           went back to the Command Post and were given some

5           search assignments?

6       A.    Yes.

7       Q.    And you have been with Calumet for how long?

8       A.    Approximately 15 years.

9       Q.    So you are pretty familiar with the officers in

10           your -- the other deputies and sergeants and

11           detectives on your staff, right?

12      A.    Right.

13      Q.    And you know which ones are evidence collection

14           people and which ones aren't, right?

15      A.    Yes.

16      Q.    Some have training in that and some don't, right?

17      A.    Correct.

18      Q.    But in your department, you mentioned yourself,

19           that you had had some kind of training or

20           experience since 1994?

21      A.    Yes.

22      Q.    Let me go through a list of some people and see

23           if these aren't evidence collection qualified

24           members of your department. All right.

25      A.    Okay.



1 Q. Deputy Kucharski?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. Deputy Riemer?  
4 A. Yes.  
5 Q. Investigator Wiegert?  
6 A. I don't believe Investigator Wiegert ever had any  
7 evidence --  
8 Q. Really?  
9 A. -- technician class. He did some work with  
10 arsons and things like that. He was an arson  
11 investigator. He did collect all the evidence at  
12 arson scenes.  
13 Q. What about Detective Dederling?  
14 A. I don't believe Detective Dederling ever had the  
15 official evidence class. He may have had some  
16 on-the-job training from other officers, but  
17 officially I can't testify that he did.  
18 Q. Okay. Gary Steier?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. Jeremy Hawkins?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. How about Wendy Baldwin?  
23 A. I don't believe she had any evidence technician  
24 training.  
25 Q. Any other evidence technician training officers



1           that you can think of on your force?

2    A.    Yes.

3    Q.    Who?

4    A.    Keith Ristow and Nick Sablich.

5    Q.    Okay.  So Ristow, Sablich, Hawkins, Steier,

6           Riemer, Kucharski, and yourself?

7    A.    Maybe a correction on that, Deputy Sablich didn't

8           obtain his training until after the Avery case,

9           the initial time on scene.  He first went through

10          the class after that.

11   Q.    All right.  So we'll take one away.  Six, right?

12          Six evidence qualified technicians, just on the

13          Calumet Sheriff's Department, right?

14   A.    That would be correct, with the exception that,

15          like, Investigator Steier, for example, when you

16          are promoted to, like, an investigator position,

17          you have different responsibilities, he doesn't

18          do -- not called out to things like that, for

19          crime scenes for that part.  But he is more of an

20          investigator than an evidence collector.

21   Q.    Well, hold on just one second there, sir.  Let's

22          fast forward here to March 1st and 2nd here for a

23          second.  Who was the officer who was collecting

24          evidence on those two days?

25   A.    Inside the residence, it was myself.

1 Q. And inside the garage was Gary Steier, was it  
2 not?  
3 A. He was present. I'm not sure what his  
4 responsibilities were in the garage.  
5 Q. Well, we'll deal with him later. Anyway moving  
6 back, so there's six officers on your force who  
7 were evidence collection qualified on November  
8 5th, right?  
9 A. Correct.  
10 Q. And we also know, the very next day, you went out  
11 with a team of Manitowoc city police by the name  
12 of Jeff Tech, T-e-c-h?  
13 A. Correct.  
14 Q. Brian Swetlik?  
15 A. Correct.  
16 Q. And Robert Block?  
17 A. Correct.  
18 Q. All of whom were evidence collection technicians  
19 for that department, right?  
20 A. I don't know what their qualifications were. It  
21 was explained to me when I first was introduced  
22 to them that Brian Swetlik was a detective  
23 sergeant; and Jeff Tech was a detective; and Rob  
24 Block was a patrol officer and evidence  
25 collection --

1 Q. Right.

2 A. -- officer.

3 Q. And they were part of your team the very next

4 day?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And they were going around and they were

7 collecting evidence, right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you wouldn't let somebody collect evidence

10 who wasn't trained to do so, would you?

11 A. Well, I wasn't in charge of calling those people

12 to assist me. If the investigators felt

13 comfortable with them, they would have made that

14 decision. They would know better than I would at

15 that time what their qualifications were. I

16 trusted the decisions that were being made at the

17 command center.

18 Q. All right, sir. So you watched those three

19 officers all day when you were with them, right?

20 A. Which day?

21 Q. November 6th, that's the Manitowoc officers that

22 we're having a little dispute about here:

23 Mr. Tech, Swetlik and Block.

24 A. I was with them.

25 Q. You were them. You never had any concerns about

1           whether they were collecting evidence properly,  
2           did you?

3       A.    I had no concerns of their abilities.

4       Q.    So those three were competent evidence collection  
5           people, right?

6       A.    They appeared to be, yes.

7       Q.    Okay.  So, in addition to those two departments,  
8           there were numerous other law enforcement  
9           officers on site on November 5th; isn't this  
10          right?

11                   ATTORNEY KRATZ:  I'm going to object,  
12           Judge.  We're assuming a fact that's not in  
13           evidence.  Mr. Buting is assuming that those three  
14           officers were there on the 5th, perhaps you should  
15           ask that question before who else was on site on the  
16           5th.

17                   THE COURT:  All right.  Mr. Buting, I will  
18           ask you to rephrase.

19       Q.    (By Attorney Buting)~ All right.  You don't know  
20           who all was on site, but you know some of the  
21           officers on site?

22       A.    Yes.

23       Q.    You know that there were numerous departments  
24           represented on site on the 5th, right?

25       A.    Yes, there were several.

1 Q. Okay. And you knew that there were Crime Lab  
2 specialists on site on November 5th, right?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. You didn't have any decision making  
5 responsibility yourself as to how these teams  
6 were put together?  
7 A. That is correct.  
8 Q. So, specifically, when you went back to the  
9 Command Post at around 3:15 or 3:30 on  
10 November 5th, that's the time when you were given  
11 the assignment to go search places; you were  
12 paired up with Lenk, Colborn, and Remiker?  
13 A. No.  
14 Q. That came later?  
15 A. That was later.  
16 Q. That's right, you went out with some dogs for  
17 awhile, right?  
18 A. Well, at 3:00, when I got back, they were  
19 orchestrating teams to go do the initial entries  
20 into the residences. My responsibility was to  
21 find out who was going with who, document the  
22 times as they reported back.  
23 So when the deputies, our officers,  
24 returned back to the command center, they would  
25 check in with me, tell me the times that they did

1 entry, if it was forcible entry, non-forcible  
2 entry and the time that they exited the  
3 residence. So I was keeping a log for them and  
4 their times were given to them.

5 Q. Okay. And those were what we heard earlier  
6 described as the sweep searches?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. The brief entries?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Then after that, you had a brief period of  
11 time where you were with some dog handlers,  
12 right?

13 A. I met with the dog handlers, assigned officers to  
14 go with the handlers, to take their dogs out,  
15 yes.

16 Q. And then you came back and is that when you were  
17 then assigned to go to with Lieutenant Lenk,  
18 Colborn and Remiker?

19 A. Yes, it was after all that was done.

20 Q. Now, is that the first time that you -- Well, let  
21 me ask you this, before November 5th even dawned,  
22 did you know about Mr. Avery's lawsuit against  
23 Manitowoc County and the sheriff's department?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And that -- Would it be fair to say that that was

1 fairly general knowledge among law enforcement  
2 officers in the northeast Wisconsin area?

3 A. I don't know if law enforcement officers watch  
4 the news like I do, but I was well aware of it.  
5 I can't speak for any other officer --

6 Q. All right.

7 A. -- if they were following that story.

8 Q. So, at any rate, before you even got there, you  
9 knew about that. And when were you first advised  
10 that the -- because of that, the Manitowoc  
11 sheriff had transferred authority over to  
12 Calumet?

13 A. It was shortly after arriving back at the Command  
14 Post around, 3:10. I know the district attorney  
15 from Manitowoc County was there; I believe his  
16 name is Mark Rohrer; and our district attorney  
17 was there; sheriff; and I think there were some  
18 high management people within the Manitowoc  
19 County Sheriff's Department.

20 Q. All right. And then when you were given the  
21 assignment to go into Mr. Avery's residence, this  
22 was about 7:30 p.m. on Saturday evening,  
23 November 5th?

24 A. Yes, we made entry at 7:30.

25 Q. Okay. So you were assigned shortly before that I



1           assume, right?

2       A.     Correct.

3       Q.     Who was making that assignment, Mr. Fassbender or

4           Mr. Wiegert?

5       A.     To tell you the truth, I don't know which one

6           came up with that assignment. I don't know.

7       Q.     Okay. Were they both present?

8       A.     They were both in the command center area, yes.

9       Q.     All right. And you said on direct that you were

10          advised to watch them, make sure that none of

11          Manitowoc officers were alone in the property?

12       A.     That was the initial instruction from the

13          district attorney of Manitowoc County. He made

14          an announcement to all Manitowoc officers, that

15          you are not to be alone on the property, period.

16       Q.     Were you there when that was made?

17       A.     Yes.

18       Q.     Okay. And so was there a discussion of that

19          again with Mr. Wiegert or Mr. Fassbender when you

20          were signed up, paired up with these three

21          Manitowoc officers?

22       A.     I don't think that was reiterated; it was well

23          understood.

24       Q.     Well, your assignment inside that trailer, the

25          residence, was to, as I recall, was to not



1           actually do the searching yourself, you were just  
2           watching, making notes, documenting, right?

3       A.    Yes.

4       Q.    So of the four officers in that little trailer,  
5           only the Manitowoc officers were the ones  
6           actually doing the searching, right?

7       A.    Right.

8       Q.    You were doing the watching, right?

9       A.    I was doing the documentation.

10      Q.    And the watching, right?

11      A.    Yes.

12      Q.    You never let them out of your eye sight, did  
13           you?

14      A.    I cannot sit up here and look at you guys and  
15           tell you that three hours inside that residence  
16           that I didn't turn my back, walk away, glance  
17           away; so I can't say that every second of the  
18           close to three hours I was making direct eye  
19           contact with them or watching every move they  
20           made.

21      Q.    Well, you did, I think at one point, describe an  
22           incident or moment when --

23                   ATTORNEY BUTING:  Actually, let's put up --  
24           Counsel, I am going to need your indulgence on this,  
25           please, because I don't have the computer animated

1 diagram. Would you be able to put that up?

2 ATTORNEY STRANG: I do.

3 ATTORNEY BUTING: Do we? Let me figure out

4 the exhibit number.

5 ATTORNEY FALLON: What exhibit numbers,

6 counsel?

7 ATTORNEY BUTING: We're going to start with

8 102.

9 ATTORNEY FALLON: On the ELMO.

10 ATTORNEY BUTING: Yes.

11 Q. (By Attorney Buting)- Okay. I'm showing you up

12 on the screen here Exhibit 101, previously

13 marked, does that look familiar to you, sir, at

14 least what it depicts?

15 A. Appears to be the Steve Avery residence.

16 Q. And if you could go look at the bedroom area --

17 Actually, I'm going to put up a different one to

18 show you that; 104 is next. Okay. Do you see

19 that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And is that a representation of the bedroom, back

22 bedroom, Mr. Avery's bedroom, and the hallway

23 bathroom area?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. All right. I apologize for that delay. But, I

1 believe you said that at one point you were  
2 watching them so carefully that Mr. Lenk,  
3 Lieutenant Lenk, excuse me, walked out of the  
4 bedroom into the bathroom area, right?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Through this hallway. And you were standing  
7 right here at the doorway while they were  
8 searching, right?

9 A. Originally, yes.

10 Q. In other words, this bedroom really wasn't even  
11 big enough for four grown men to be walking  
12 around and doing things, was it?

13 A. With the bed, you know, as I previously had  
14 testified, Detective Remiker and Lieutenant Lenk  
15 were by the closet area. Sergeant Colborn was up  
16 by the desk and bookcase area?

17 Q. All right. So you are indicating the lower part  
18 of the --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- is the closet; lower part of this screen here.  
21 And the upper is the desk bookcase area?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And you were standing in the door?

24 A. Just inside the doorway.

25 Q. Just inside the doorway, right. Okay. But you

1 mentioned that when Lieutenant Lenk went out into  
2 the bathroom, you repositioned yourself in the  
3 doorway so you could see him in the bathroom and  
4 those in the bedroom, right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You were keeping an eye on what was going on with  
7 Mr. Lenk and -- Lieutenant Lenk and the other  
8 officers?

9 A. I would say I was positioning myself to see if  
10 they had located any evidence.

11 Q. Well, and you were also trying to abide by the  
12 directive that Manitowoc officers should not be  
13 alone in any of this property, right?

14 A. It was more of a documentation type thing. I  
15 mean, I did not treat these guys like I did not  
16 trust them, okay.

17 Q. Well, let me ask you this, sir. You knew that  
18 the district attorneys told those officers not to  
19 be alone on any property, right?

20 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Mischaracterization,  
21 Judge, he said the Manitowoc County district  
22 attorney, if he could rephrase the question.

23 ATTORNEY BUTING: I don't particularly care  
24 which district attorney, it's a district attorney.  
25 All right.

1 Q. (By Attorney Buting)~ You knew that?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. You knew that it was important to the  
4 prosecution, or some attorneys on site, that  
5 these officers not be alone anywhere on that  
6 Avery property, right?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. And you knew that this was Mr. Avery's trailer?  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. And that if anything, of all the places that they  
11 should not be alone, it would be in Mr. Avery's  
12 trailer, right?  
13 A. We did not know that on that day.  
14 Q. Mr. Avery was the one who was suing them, right?  
15 You knew that?  
16 A. I was aware of that fact, yes.  
17 Q. You knew that, that's right. And you knew that's  
18 why Manitowoc recused themselves, or transferred  
19 authority over to Calumet, right?  
20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. It was because of this man right here, right?  
22 A. I believe that's correct.  
23 Q. And it was this man right here's trailer that you  
24 were in?  
25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And so that, of all places, you knew was  
2 important that you make sure that these Manitowoc  
3 officers not be alone?  
4 A. Correct.  
5 Q. And so you kept an eye on them, didn't you?  
6 A. I was watching what they were doing, yes.  
7 Q. Had you ever, in any other search in your entire  
8 career, had to act like a babysitter, or a  
9 watchdog, for the officers who were conducting a  
10 search?  
11 A. I did not treat this as if I was babysitting.  
12 Q. Had you ever, in any of your years as an officer,  
13 had to watch the officers who were searching  
14 where you were, to make sure that they weren't  
15 alone?  
16 A. No.  
17 Q. This was a first for you, wasn't it?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. And you made sure, because you were the watchdog  
20 here, you were the custodian, the representative  
21 of Calumet, you made sure that none of those  
22 officers could have planted anything, right?  
23 A. I watched them to the best of my ability, within  
24 those three hours.  
25 Q. And to the best of your ability meant you did

1 everything you could to make sure that they knew  
2 they were being watched and that they couldn't  
3 plant any evidence if they wanted to?

4 A. They were told the same instructions that I were,  
5 that I was going into that residence to document  
6 and recover all evidence that was seized.

7 Q. Well, and you did a good job doing that, didn't  
8 you?

9 A. I believe to the best of my ability, yes.

10 Q. All right. And would you agree with me that it  
11 was -- would have been very difficult for  
12 Lieutenant Lenk or Sergeant Colborn to have  
13 planted a Toyota key in that residence, under  
14 your watch?

15 A. I believe it would have been difficult.

16 Q. Extremely difficult, right?

17 A. It would have been difficult, yes.

18 Q. Because you were watching them?

19 A. To the best of my ability, yes.

20 Q. Did you ever suggest to Mr. Fassbender or  
21 Mr. Wiegert that maybe you would like to have  
22 some of your own officers in there doing this  
23 search that night, to Mr. Avery's residence?

24 A. We didn't have all those officers that you  
25 mentioned at the scene that day.



1 Q. You could call them in, right?  
2 A. They were in charge of making those decisions. I  
3 didn't know what information they were privy to.  
4 Q. You were off duty, right? You weren't working  
5 that day?  
6 A. I don't recall if that was my scheduled day or  
7 not.  
8 Q. I believe that was your testimony.  
9 A. I was at home when I got the phone call.  
10 Q. So you were called in?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. And there's no reason that other officers that we  
13 went through that were evidence collection  
14 officers on your force also couldn't have been  
15 called in for this assignment, was there?  
16 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Objection, both  
17 argumentative and assuming a fact not in evidence.  
18 This officer wouldn't know that.  
19 ATTORNEY BUTING: I will withdraw it.  
20 Q. (By Attorney Buting)- So your testimony, then, is  
21 that you never questioned Fassbender or Wiegert  
22 about their decision --  
23 A. Absolutely not.  
24 Q. -- to send Manitowoc officers in.  
25 A. I did not question them or doubt their judgments,



1 no.

2 Q. Of course, they out rank you, don't they? They

3 were the leaders of this entire investigation at

4 that time, right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And you take orders from them?

7 A. That's the way I looked at it, yes.

8 ATTORNEY BUTING: I'm going to take this

9 down.

10 Q. (By Attorney Buting)- You testified about a

11 number of these exhibits that you found, right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And you mentioned that you found this bottle of

14 bleach, which is Exhibit 195, in the bathroom; is

15 that right?

16 A. I didn't find it, that was recovered by Deputy

17 Riemer.

18 Q. On a different search, then?

19 A. I believe so.

20 Q. Wasn't even recovered on November 5th?

21 A. I don't believe so.

22 Q. Okay. But your -- but your testimony was that it

23 was found in the bathroom?

24 A. I recalled seeing a bleach bottle in the

25 bathroom, if that's the very same exact one, I

1 believe it was.

2 Q. All right. Showing you Exhibit 206 and 207,  
3 could you take a minute and just orient yourself  
4 with that and tell me what those are?

5 A. Sure. Number 207 appears to be the washing  
6 machine in the bathroom.

7 Q. In the bathroom, right? And what is 206?

8 A. 206 would be the sink in the bathroom.

9 Q. Okay. And this is the bathroom in Steven Avery's  
10 residence, right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Putting up Exhibit 207 in just a moment here.  
13 That's what you have identified as Mr. Avery's  
14 bathroom, right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you note the floor, the tiling -- linoleum on  
17 the floor, the hamper. And does that appear to  
18 be a shower in the background there?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So when you say that you found -- or that someone  
21 found a bottle of bleach in the bathroom, it was  
22 actually in the laundry room, right?

23 A. If you want to consider that front area to be a  
24 laundry room, sure.

25 Q. Well, that's where the washer and dryer is,

1 right?

2 A. Yes, but it's part of the bathroom.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. It's not in the hallway.

5 Q. Would it surprise you to find a bottle of

6 household bleach in someone's bathroom?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Do you have bleach in your bathroom?

9 A. I believe it's under the sink in the kitchen.

10 Q. Okay. But certainly bleach is where people --

11 The laundry room is where people use bleach,

12 isn't it --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- typically?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And no bleach was found in the garage, was it?

17 A. I don't know, I never searched the garage.

18 Q. I'm putting up now, on the screen, 206, which is

19 the other side of Mr. Avery's bathroom, right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You recognize the floor, the linoleum, and the

22 hamper sitting there?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I'm just going to zoom in on this for a minute.

25 You see a toothbrush?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Do you see more than one toothbrush?

3 A. I see the one.

4 Q. All right. And razor, looks like a razor?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. We'll get to this again in a minute. But you

7 mentioned buccal swabs. You know what buccals

8 are, right?

9 A. I didn't on that day. When I got to the hospital

10 it was explained.

11 Q. All right. So now you know what buccal swabs

12 are?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And buccal swabs are basically like a Q-tip that

15 you take and swab inside someone's mouth, their

16 cheeks?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And from that you get DNA samples, right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And it's a very good way of collecting DNA,

21 correct?

22 A. That's what they tell me, yes.

23 Q. Much like a toothbrush would be, right?

24 A. I don't know what the capabilities are from a

25 toothbrush?

1 Q. Well, you know that people put toothbrushes in  
2 their mouth all the time, right?  
3 A. With toothpaste, yes.  
4 Q. Okay. And so that it would be a fertile source  
5 of one's DNA?  
6 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Objection, Judge, beyond  
7 the scope of this witness' expertise.  
8 THE COURT: The objection is sustained.  
9 Q. (By Attorney Buting)~ Did you ever work any  
10 missing person cases besides this?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. Did you ever have to go to the missing person's  
13 house to try and get some personal items that  
14 might have their DNA on it for future use?  
15 A. I don't think it ever got to that level.  
16 Q. Never got to, in your experience?  
17 A. Yeah, they were located prior to a full-blown  
18 investigation.  
19 Q. Okay. Sure. All right. I'm showing you what I  
20 believe is previously marked in your direct as  
21 163; is that -- does that appear right?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. And that's a photograph of Mr. Avery's bedroom  
24 that was taken on the night of November 5th,  
25 right?

1 A. I believe so.

2 Q. And you can see the gun rack that you just  
3 identified, right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And there's a -- some sort of a firearm in the  
6 lower tier of that -- right -- in this photo,  
7 right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. That's a black muzzleloader?

10 A. I never identified what type of firearm.

11 Q. Okay. Well, I don't know if you know guns and,  
12 frankly, I don't know them that well, but this  
13 thing that's hanging down here, do you know what  
14 that is?

15 A. I believe they refer to that as a powder horn.

16 Q. A powder horn. So that's what you used,  
17 presumably, with a powder rifle, to load it,  
18 right?

19 A. I don't own one; I would assume that would  
20 probably be correct.

21 Q. Okay. I just want to be clear, that's not some  
22 sort of bizarre sexual device or anything, is it?

23 A. Not that I'm aware of.

24 Q. Or any kind of torture device, right?

25 A. I don't believe so.

1 Q. All right. Well, just in case not everybody  
2 knows that, I wanted to make that clear. You did  
3 mention finding some handcuffs and leg irons,  
4 right?

5 A. Sergeant Colborn found those items, yes.

6 Q. But you were watching and taking note?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. I believe on direct you testified that it was  
9 found in the bookcase; in fact, it was found on a  
10 night stand; isn't that right?

11 A. I believe it was the bookcase.

12 Q. You wrote a report of your investigation that  
13 day, right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Would that refresh your recollection, if you took  
16 a moment to review that?

17 A. I think I know where you are going with this and  
18 I don't think I need to see it. When I did my  
19 report, what is now known as the bookcase, I  
20 looked at it to be a night stand. I would use it  
21 as a night stand myself. So in my report I did  
22 refer to it as being a night stand.

23 Q. Okay. All right. So you cleared that up. At  
24 any rate, these handcuffs and leg irons, these  
25 are novelty items that are sold at places like



1 Intimate Treasures and things of that nature,  
2 right?

3 A. Yes, you can get them from stores, I guess. I  
4 never ...

5 Q. And they are meant for consenting adults, for  
6 whatever kind of experimenting or play they may  
7 do, right?

8 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Objection, Judge, I'm sure  
9 they have a lot of uses.

10 THE COURT: Well, I think if he knows he  
11 can testify as to what he understands their intended  
12 use to be, if he knows.

13 ATTORNEY KRATZ: It's the term consenting  
14 adults that I have objection with.

15 ATTORNEY BUTING: Well, I think he can tell  
16 us, what is it?

17 ATTORNEY KRATZ: It could be unconsenting  
18 adults, as well.

19 THE COURT: Well, that's something you can  
20 take up on redirect.

21 Q. (By Attorney Buting)~ Isn't that right, I mean,  
22 they are sold at these adult novelty type places  
23 where their intended use is consenting adults  
24 engaged in whatever kind of role playing, or  
25 whatever, right?



1 A. Sure.

2 Q. Okay. And I'm going to put back up that

3 photograph from -- No. 163 again. There's a

4 headboard in that photograph, right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And that headboard was later seized by somebody

7 and put into your department's property room,

8 right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And there came a time when you and some other

11 officers took that headboard out from the

12 property room to examine it, right?

13 A. That would be myself and Deputy Hawkins.

14 Q. And also Mr. Fassbender, correct?

15 A. Not originally, I don't think.

16 Q. Well, did you do a report of that day?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Would it refresh your recollection if you

19 reviewed that?

20 A. Sure.

21 Q. Page 936. This report, by the way has --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- Deputy Jeremy Hawkins name on it.

24 A. Right.

25 Q. It reads as if it was written by you.

1 A. It is written by me, it was a typo by the  
2 secretarial staff.  
3 Q. Okay. And it says -- Just take a minute and  
4 review that, those first two paragraphs and then  
5 we'll --  
6 A. I know where you're going with this as well.  
7 Q. Okay. So you don't need to review it?  
8 A. I don't believe so.  
9 Q. All right. Then I will put it aside and ask you  
10 some questions. This is Monday, April 3rd,  
11 right, 2006?  
12 A. That would be the second day that we looked at  
13 the headboard. The first day we looked at the  
14 headboard would have been March 28.  
15 Q. Okay. Well, we're talking about this day.  
16 A. Okay. That was the confusion then, when you  
17 mentioned --  
18 Q. All right.  
19 A. -- Fassbender.  
20 Q. All right. I understand. So I apologize for  
21 that. On this day, though, you did have a  
22 meeting with, actually, Sheriff Pagel, right,  
23 Mark Wiegert, John Dederling, and Mr. Fassbender?  
24 A. Yes.  
25 Q. Special Agent Fassbender?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And a decision was made for you and Deputy  
3 Hawkins to take a very good look at the  
4 headboard, right?

5 A. We had looked at it previously, which is why we  
6 had consulted with those persons, to get further  
7 direction.

8 Q. All right. And so you took it out and put it on  
9 freezer paper, examined it like any other piece  
10 of evidence, right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And didn't you, in fact, note, from your  
13 observations, that we could not see any  
14 striations around the spindles of the headboard  
15 consistent with that of having handcuffs or leg  
16 irons secured to the spindles of the headboard?

17 A. That would be correct.

18 Q. Meaning, you looked very, very closely at these  
19 spindles depicted in Exhibit 163, on the  
20 headboard, and saw no scratches. When you say  
21 striations you mean scratches, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Scratches you might see from somebody who is  
24 chained, arms out, to that headboard, right?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. Somebody struggling for their life, you would  
2 expect to see some scratches?  
3 A. I would think so.  
4 Q. And you saw none, right?  
5 A. Nothing consistent with that going around the --  
6 Q. All right.  
7 A. -- entire spindle.  
8 Q. Going back, for just one moment. Sergeant  
9 Colborn, you mentioned, was --  
10 ATTORNEY BUTING: You can take that back,  
11 please.  
12 Q. (By Attorney Buting)- Sergeant Colborn, you  
13 mentioned, was searching the desk and bookcase  
14 area?  
15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. And at no time did Sergeant Colborn ever say,  
17 hey, look at this, this -- the back of this  
18 bookcase is loose?  
19 A. No.  
20 Q. Well, there's a gap here, right?  
21 A. No, I never saw him physically go behind and look  
22 at it, he was going through the contents inside.  
23 Q. And he never mentioned, and you never saw, the  
24 back of that moving as he was going through,  
25 right?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Okay. You mentioned some small blood drops or  
3 bloodstains that were found in Mr. Avery's  
4 bathroom; do you recall that?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Are you aware that none of those drops of blood  
7 ever proved to be Ms Halbach's?

8 A. I was told that; I read a report.

9 Q. All right. In fact, that no blood anywhere, from  
10 Teresa Halbach, was found on any of these  
11 bloodstains you made note of that night?

12 A. I was told that, yes.

13 Q. Okay. So, do you know whose they did turn out to  
14 be?

15 A. I can't testify --

16 Q. Well, we'll get to that. You testified about  
17 this Exhibit 200, which is an envelope that was  
18 found?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You saw this recovered?

21 A. I don't believe that was recovered on the 5th of  
22 November during the initial search.

23 Q. Oh, okay. But you identified it, so you must  
24 have recognized it as an identifier?

25 A. I saw it, yes.

1 Q. You saw it. Okay. And the letter is from --  
2 ATTORNEY BUTING: Put the ELMO back on,  
3 please.  
4 Q. (By Attorney Buting)~ The letter is from UW  
5 Madison Law School, right?  
6 A. Yes.  
7 Q. The envelope itself?  
8 A. Yes.  
9 Q. And it actually contained a letter from the law  
10 school dated November 1, 2005, right?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. And it's an invitation --  
13 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Objection, hearsay, Judge.  
14 ATTORNEY BUTING: Well, this has been  
15 introduced as an exhibit.  
16 ATTORNEY KRATZ: I don't care, it's  
17 hearsay, Judge, it's being offered for the truth of  
18 the matter.  
19 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the  
20 objection.  
21 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Thank you, Judge.  
22 Q. (By Attorney Buting)~ You also introduced a  
23 number of notebooks?  
24 A. Yes.  
25 Q. Just for the record, 199, 197, and 198, right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And these are pocket notebooks, right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. We only talked about the one page here that had

5 Teresa Halbach's number on it, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. But, in fact, all or most of these notebooks have

8 numerous other phone numbers on them too, don't

9 they? Need to look through them?

10 A. I never paged through them, so.

11 Q. Well, take just a moment. Tell me if you see

12 other people's phone numbers, names, things of

13 that nature jotted down.

14 A. I would like to also clarify something in

15 reference to my testimony yesterday as well.

16 These two notebooks right here, I did see them on

17 the night of the 5th. Detective Remiker was

18 looking at them. I'm not sure if my testimony

19 yesterday was that he collected them. But

20 reviewing my stuff, he didn't collect these on

21 the night of the 5th. A different officer would

22 have collected these on a day thereafter. I just

23 wanted to correct that.

24 Q. Okay. That's just fine. Thank you. And when

25 you say these, just so the record is clear, you



1           were holding up Exhibit 199, the red notebook?

2    A.    And 197.

3    Q.    And 197, the green notebook. Okay. Just take a

4           moment and see if there's other phone numbers and

5           names in some of these?

6    A.    Okay.

7    Q.    Is that a fair statement?

8    A.    I see numerous different phone numbers, but it's

9           in somebody's handwriting.

10   Q.    Well, are you a handwriting expert, sir?

11   A.    Well, it's obviously not the one that had the

12           same writing as on there.

13   Q.    Can you identify whose handwriting is it, back to

14           the door?

15   A.    No.

16   Q.    But there are different phone numbers so if --

17           these are as if someone was using these to keep

18           -- just jot down phone numbers and names, right?

19                   ATTORNEY KRATZ: Objection, speculation.

20           I'm sure counsel doesn't want us to read everything

21           that's in that notebook. It's hearsay, Judge, and

22           it's speculation.

23                   ATTORNEY BUTING: You can read everyone of

24           them if you want to.

25                   THE COURT: It's a fair summary question

1 based on what he already testified to; I will allow  
2 it.

3 Q. The exhibit that has the note that has Teresa  
4 Halbach's phone number in it -- Well, first of  
5 all, it's not torn out from the notebook, right?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Not as if this was posted on the door as a note  
8 for somebody is it?

9 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Objection, speculation,  
10 Judge.

11 Q. (By Attorney Buting)~ Do you see any tape on it,  
12 scotch tape?

13 THE COURT: I'm going to allow the  
14 question.

15 A. I don't see any tape.

16 Q. Okay. And there's two different colored inks,  
17 too, correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Her phone number is in green ink and this  
20 other -- whatever this other writing means, is in  
21 a different color ink?

22 A. Back to patio door is in black.

23 Q. Okay. As if maybe it was even written at  
24 different times?

25 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Objection, speculation,

1 Judge.

2 THE COURT: Sustained.

3 Q. (By Attorney Buting)~ You also introduced a sign,  
4 a for sale sign, that -- I don't see the exhibit  
5 number here, but I will just show it to you.

6 ATTORNEY STRANG: 194.

7 Q. (By Attorney Buting)~ All right, 194. This is --  
8 On one side it has a for sale sign, like you  
9 would buy at a hardware store or something,  
10 right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. It's got 1995 Pontiac Grand Am listed, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And then, on the back it has got some other  
15 writing, 3302 Zander Road, correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And then it's got the phone number here that  
18 turns out to be Teresa Halbach's cell phone  
19 number, right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Are you aware that Teresa Halbach's never lived  
22 at 3302 Zander Road.

23 A. I'm not aware of any significance to the address.

24 Q. So, as far as you know, there's no connection  
25 whatsoever between this address and that phone

1           number, right?

2    A.    I don't know that.

3    Q.    You don't know that or you do know that?

4    A.    I do not know that.

5    Q.    Now, you do know, I assume, that Teresa Halbach

6           had seen Mr. Avery on several occasions before

7           October 31st?

8    A.    I was told that by Investigator Wiegert in

9           advance.

10   Q.    Okay. Part of your briefing, right?

11   A.    Yes.

12   Q.    They sit down and they explain some of the

13           background so you know what's going on, right?

14   A.    Yes.

15   Q.    Okay. And in fact, before October 31st,

16           Mr. Avery had Teresa Halbach's phone number

17           already because he had arranged a private sale

18           with her; do you recall that?

19   A.    No, I don't recall him having her cell number,

20           what time he had it. I don't know that

21           information.

22   Q.    So you didn't know that information, okay. But,

23           if that were the case, finding her phone number

24           in his house on November -- or trailer, on

25           November 5th, would have meant nothing, would it?

1                   ATTORNEY KRATZ: Objection, Judge, calls  
2                   for a conclusion, that's probably what the jury --  
3                   THE COURT: The objection is sustained.  
4       Q.   Well, when you collected those pieces of  
5           evidence, you didn't -- you don't know when those  
6           notes -- phone numbers were written, right?  
7       A.   Detective Remiker collected them, but I did not  
8           know when they were written.  
9       Q.   All right. They could have been written weeks  
10           ago, for all you know?  
11      A.   True.  
12      Q.   By the way, you said you weren't collecting the  
13           evidence, you were just standing their watching  
14           and writing down notes as to the times that  
15           things were collected?  
16      A.   Yes.  
17      Q.   But the actual collection itself was done by --  
18           or the bagging was done by Lieutenant Lenk?  
19      A.   Yes.  
20      Q.   Did you watch him seal every single bag?  
21      A.   I can't say with 100 degree certainty every  
22           single bag, but he was doing his duties, I was  
23           there, yes.  
24      Q.   Okay. So when you say that you were --  
25           ultimately you collected the evidence, it was at

1 the end of the night?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. After all the bags were sealed and completed,

4 right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Then it's turned over to you?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. All right. And you never saw a Toyota key

9 anywhere in Mr. Avery's bedroom that night, did

10 you?

11 A. I did not, no.

12 Q. And if you had seen a Toyota key anywhere in that

13 bedroom that night, you would have made note of

14 that, wouldn't you?

15 A. Personally, I would not have known what a Toyota

16 key looked like. I'm not too familiar with

17 automobiles and their keys.

18 Q. Well, all right. Let me ask it this way, you

19 knew that Teresa Halbach's vehicle was a Toyota

20 RAV4?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. You went and looked at it, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And so if you found -- if someone had located a

25 key, a car key, inside that residence, you would

1           have either seized it or at least made note of it  
2           as possible evidence in the case, right?  
3       A.    Absolutely.  
4       Q.    Particularly if it was a Toyota key, because that  
5           may be the key that would fit the victim's  
6           vehicle?  
7       A.    Absolutely.  
8       Q.    And you made no such note, right?  
9       A.    Correct.  
10      Q.    And you stood in the doorway for at least a half  
11           hour?  
12      A.    Yes.  
13      Q.    Of his bedroom?  
14      A.    Yes.  
15      Q.    All right. I just have one question about this  
16           -- another exhibit here and then I will move off  
17           of these exhibits. You identified Exhibit 205 as  
18           a hood latch swab, right?  
19      A.    Yes.  
20      Q.    I just want to make it clear here, this is  
21           actually a swab that's dated -- or a piece of  
22           evidence that's dated April 3rd, 2006?  
23      A.    That's correct.  
24      Q.    And that it was -- it was collected not at the  
25           Crime Lab?



1 A. Correct.

2 Q. So whatever is in this little package is not  
3 something that the Crime Lab found when they went  
4 over it very, very carefully on November 8th, or  
5 7th, whatever day they had it, right?

6 A. I was just informed that they did request myself  
7 and Deputy Hawkins to --

8 Q. Who requested?

9 A. Investigator Wiegert.

10 Q. Okay. So Investigator Wiegert told you to go do  
11 this, right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. All right. Let's move to the next day,  
14 November 6th, you are paired with a different  
15 team on that day, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And we talked about that, those were the three  
18 Manitowoc city police officers?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. And you weren't given any kind of instruction  
21 that you had to watch those three officers like a  
22 hawk while you were doing the search, did you?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. There was no concern about whether or not you had  
25 to leave those officers alone in any part of the

1 buildings that we're looking at, right?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. Because Mr. Avery wasn't suing them, right?

4 A. To the best of my knowledge.

5 Q. All right. And then the next day, November 7th,

6 you were paired, again, with Lenk and Colborn,

7 right?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. But not Mr. -- not Detective Remiker on this

10 occasion?

11 A. His wife was having a baby, or had a baby.

12 Q. Okay. Good for him, good for her. So on that

13 occasion, though, you didn't do a thorough search

14 with Lenk and Colborn of Mr. Avery's residence,

15 right?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. They -- The two of them were only in that

18 residence briefly, with you, when you were trying

19 to get a serial number from a computer, right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Just a few minutes I think you said?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So it would have been difficult for them to have

24 planted any evidence in front of you at that

25 occasion -- on that occasion, right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And besides, they were with you, the watchdog,  
3 right?

4 A. I wouldn't call myself a watchdog, but they were  
5 with me, yes.

6 Q. Okay. And no key was discovered on that occasion  
7 was it?

8 A. By the computer, no.

9 Q. Anywhere in the house?

10 A. We didn't search the house. We just got the  
11 serial number from the computer.

12 Q. So no key -- no Toyota key was recovered on  
13 November 7th when you were in there with  
14 Mr. Colborn and Mr. Lenk, right?

15 A. No key was recovered by the computer, no.

16 Q. All right. November 8th, I believe you testified  
17 that you weren't even at the Avery Salvage Yard  
18 on that day, right?

19 A. Not until late in the day. I was at the Calumet  
20 Sheriff's Department, logging evidence.

21 Q. So the watchdog wasn't there.

22 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Judge, I am going to  
23 object. We hear that, Judge, one more time, we're  
24 going to approach with a side bar.

25 THE COURT: The objection is sustained.

1 Q. (By Attorney Buting)~ In any event, you were not  
2 with Mr. Lenk and Mr. Colborn when they reentered  
3 Steven Avery's residence on November 8th, were  
4 you?  
5 A. That's correct.  
6 Q. And that is the occasion when a key was found,  
7 right?  
8 A. That is my understanding.  
9 Q. When you weren't with them?  
10 A. That's my understanding.  
11 Q. November 9th, you testified about having some  
12 different duties and that was the DNA exemplars  
13 were taken from people, right?  
14 A. Yes.  
15 Q. And fingerprints were taken?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. And palm prints were taken?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. And those items were taken for the purpose of  
20 trying to see if they might match with some  
21 fingerprints that the Crime Lab had found on the  
22 RAV4; is that your understanding?  
23 A. I had no information as to what the Crime Lab had  
24 found at that time. We were just executing a  
25 search warrant based on the specific information

1           within those search warrants.

2   Q.   All right.  And the search warrant included

3           taking those buccal swabs from each individual

4           that had been -- Well, let me just name them, the

5           ones you were involved with, okay.  Mr. -- Was

6           Mr. Avery one of them; he was, wasn't he?

7   A.   Yes.

8   Q.   Yes.  You testified about that?

9   A.   Yes.

10  Q.   Also Delores Avery, right?

11  A.   Yes.

12  Q.   Barb Janda?

13  A.   Yes.

14  Q.   Chuck Avery?

15  A.   Yes.

16  Q.   Earl Avery?

17  A.   Yes.

18  Q.   And Bobby Dassey?

19  A.   Yes.

20  Q.   And these are what are called elimination type

21           exemplars?

22  A.   Yes.

23  Q.   To see if you can eliminate somebody from

24           something that may be found in a crime scene?

25  A.   Yes.

1 Q. Or match them?

2 A. Sure.

3 Q. Okay. And it included DNA fingerprints and palm

4 prints, for all of them, right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. But at the end of that day, though, you received

7 information from a special agent, Joseph

8 Kapitany, I believe is the way you pronounce his

9 name?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. That the Crime Lab only wanted the palm prints

12 and fingerprints of Mr. Steven Avery right away?

13 A. Immediately, yes.

14 Q. And so efforts were made to transfer Steven

15 Avery's palm prints and fingerprints immediately

16 to the Crime Lab, right?

17 A. Agent Kapitany approached me and stated those

18 words, that the Crime Lab wanted those items

19 immediately. I did give them to him. He signed

20 off on the document --

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. -- for those items.

23 Q. So he went off to the Crime Lab as far as you

24 know, with those items?

25 A. He left the Aurora Clinic; I assume, yeah, he was

1 in route to Madison.

2 Q. But all the other ones you took and just booked  
3 into the Calumet Sheriff's Department?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you know the results of any of the comparisons  
6 of fingerprints; Mr. Avery's fingerprint  
7 standards to any fingerprints found on the RAV4?

8 A. No.

9 ATTORNEY KRATZ: I'm also going to object  
10 as beyond the scope of this witness' expertise.  
11 Probably hearsay as well.

12 ATTORNEY BUTING: I wasn't asking for the  
13 results, I just wondered if he knew it.

14 ATTORNEY KRATZ: It seemed like that was  
15 the question, do you know the results.

16 THE COURT: As phrased, the objection is  
17 overruled.

18 ATTORNEY BUTING: He's answered. That's  
19 fine.

20 Q. (By Attorney Buting)~ All right. Just a few more  
21 questions, sir. You talked about -- or we talked  
22 about this April 3rd date, when you were -- I  
23 think your report called it processing evidence,  
24 right?

25 A. Yes.



1 Q. And there was actually a number of days, you  
2 mentioned one in March, but there was a number of  
3 days over the next several weeks, March, April,  
4 May, when you were going through various items  
5 that had been seized from Mr. Avery's residence,  
6 or garage, on one of the searches, either  
7 November or March, right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And your purpose in going through these items of  
10 evidence was to see if there was any way you  
11 could determine if any of these items of evidence  
12 had any link or importance to this crime, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And so you were doing things like testing,  
15 examining it for blood, items for blood, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. The bleach bottle, for instance, that's been  
18 marked as whatever exhibit it was. This was one  
19 of the things that you examined to see if there  
20 might be any blood on it, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Just a little brown mark on the bottom somewhere  
23 that you weren't sure about?

24 A. Right.

25 Q. This is Exhibit 195. And so you tested this with

1           these presumptive tests that are very sensitive  
2           to blood, right?

3   A.    Yes.

4   Q.    And it proved negative, right?

5   A.    Correct.

6   Q.    No blood. All right. You also looked at foot  
7           boards for the bed, right?

8   A.    Yes.

9   Q.    You looked at a number of pieces of brown  
10           paneling, right?

11   A.    Yes.

12   Q.    Paneling marked number one, number two, number  
13           three, and each of those was negative for any  
14           kind of blood, right?

15   A.    Correct.

16   Q.    And it's your understanding this is -- these are  
17           the panels taken off the walls of Mr. Avery's  
18           bedroom, right?

19   A.    Yes.

20   Q.    No blood, correct?

21   A.    We did not find any.

22   Q.    And there's also some molding, wooden molding  
23           also taken from his room somewhere?

24   A.    Yes.

25   Q.    Tested for blood, negative, right?

1 A. Right.

2 Q. There were also some paint thinner cans -- cans  
3 that apparently were recovered from the garage;  
4 do you recall that?

5 A. I recall examining them, yes.

6 Q. You weren't there when they were seized, but you  
7 examined them?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And it was determined that those cans had no  
10 evidentiary value whatsoever, right?

11 A. We did some presumptive tests on them, I believe,  
12 and got negative results, correct.

13 Q. And there was also some gas tank -- or a number  
14 of gas cans and I guess snowmobile gas tanks, or  
15 things of that nature?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. You tested all of those, right?

18 A. Yeah, we swabbed a lot of those gas cans,  
19 anything that we saw that was suspicious, we  
20 would do.

21 Q. And they were are all negative?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. No blood, right. Then you also took -- and this  
24 would have been on May 1st, a piece of carpeting  
25 that was ripped out of the whole hallway of

1 Mr. Avery's residence, right?

2 A. It was a small piece of carpeting that was,  
3 correct, cut from the entrance door by the  
4 bathroom to the entrance to the bedroom.

5 Q. Okay. In that hallway right outside his bedroom?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. And you actually did a luminol?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And we have heard testimony about luminol. I'm  
10 not going to go over it in detail, but that's  
11 something that can highlight anything that is  
12 of -- could be blood, could be a lot of other  
13 things, right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And you found no heavy concentrations anywhere in  
16 the carpet indicating any drops of blood had  
17 fallen, right?

18 A. There was no pattern, nothing that was consistent  
19 with what you were talking about, correct.

20 Q. All right. And you even looked at the back of  
21 that carpet, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. That was actually a later date, June 23rd, right?

24 A. I don't recall that.

25 Q. You were told to pull the carpeting out of -- I'm

1           sorry this was a different piece of carpeting?

2   A.   Okay.  That would be consistent.

3   Q.   Okay.  You pull the carpeting that was ripped out

4           of the bedroom of Mr. Avery, right?

5   A.   Yes.

6   Q.   And you actually looked at the very -- at the

7           back of it?

8   A.   Yes.

9   Q.   The backside.  And you did presumptive tests for

10           blood?

11   A.   Yes.

12   Q.   And found nothing?

13   A.   Correct.

14   Q.   No blood?

15   A.   Nothing consistent with blood, correct.

16   Q.   You also, a number of times, I won't go into all

17           of them, but there were a number of knives,

18           kitchen knives, pocket knives, things like that,

19           that were seized either in the residence or the

20           garage, right?

21   A.   Yes.

22   Q.   And you looked at all of those, right?

23   A.   Some were sent to the Crime Lab; some we kept at

24           the office and processed ourselves.

25   Q.   All right.  And the ones you processed you looked

1 for blood, right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. None, correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 ATTORNEY BUTING: All right. Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Kratz, are you going to be  
7 doing redirect?

8 ATTORNEY KRATZ: I am.

9 THE COURT: How much time do you think?

10 ATTORNEY KRATZ: I just actually, I think I  
11 have two questions, Judge, so.

12 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.

13 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY ATTORNEY KRATZ:

15 Q. Sergeant Tyson, Mr. Buting asked you about  
16 that -- that sign that mentioned a Zander Road  
17 address; do you recall him showing you that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you know where that Zander Road address is?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Do you even know if it's in Calumet County?

22 A. I heard Zander Road a couple of times on our  
23 department radios, Manitowoc County either having  
24 a crash or something like that, so I'm familiar  
25 with Zander Road probably being in Manitowoc

1 County, I know it rang a bell, but I don't know  
2 where it is.

3 Q. Something a Manitowoc officer might be better  
4 able to answer?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And lastly, Mr. Buting asked you about somebody  
7 relieving you from the scene security, that is,  
8 from watching over the SUV; do you remember those  
9 questions?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you remember what department relieved you; in  
12 other words, the scene security from the point  
13 that you took over, thereafter, do you know what  
14 department was responsible?

15 A. Calumet County Sheriff's Department.

16 ATTORNEY KRATZ: I think that's all I have  
17 for redirect.

18 ATTORNEY BUTING: No questions.

19 THE COURT: Very well, the witness is  
20 excused, and at this time we'll take our morning  
21 break. Members of the jury, again, do not discuss  
22 this case among yourselves during the break. We'll  
23 resume in about 15 minutes.

24 (Jury not present.)

25 ATTORNEY BUTING: Your Honor, could I move



1 206 and 207 into evidence?

2 THE COURT: Any objection?

3 ATTORNEY KRATZ: No.

4 THE COURT: They are admitted.

5 (Recess taken.)

6 (Jury present.)

7 THE COURT: Mr. Kratz, at this time you may  
8 call your next witness.

9 ATTORNEY KRATZ: State will call Andrew  
10 Colborn to the stand.

11 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

12 SERGEANT ANDREW L. COLBORN, called as a  
13 witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was  
14 examined and testified as follows:

15 THE CLERK: Please be seated. Please state  
16 your name and spell your last name for the record.

17 THE WITNESS: Andrew L. Colborn,  
18 C-o-l-b-o-r-n.

19 ATTORNEY KRATZ: You don't have to be quite  
20 so close.

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY ATTORNEY KRATZ:

23 Q. Mr. Colborn, can you tell us, how are you  
24 employed, please.

25 A. I'm a patrol sergeant with the Manitowoc County

1 Sheriff's Department.

2 Q. How long have you been a law enforcement officer?

3 A. Since 1996.

4 Q. Prior to 1996, what did you do?

5 A. I was a Corrections Officer from 1992 to 1994,  
6 also with the Manitowoc County Sheriff's  
7 Department.

8 Q. What does a Corrections Officer do?

9 A. A Corrections Officer is a non-sworn, non-law  
10 enforcement officer, that is a responsibility for  
11 security of the jail.

12 Q. All right. How was it that you became a sworn  
13 law enforcement officer?

14 A. When a position opened up at the Manitowoc County  
15 Sheriff's Department, I did perform the State  
16 written test, performed an agility test, went on  
17 an eligibility list, and eventually I was  
18 selected.

19 Q. What are your current duties with the Manitowoc  
20 County Sheriff's Department?

21 A. I'm a assistant shift commander for the noon to 8  
22 shift so I have some administrative duties and  
23 then I have some patrol duties.

24 Q. Prior to being selected as a law enforcement  
25 officer, did you have any duties in your prior

1           life that in any way prepared you for being a law  
2           enforcement officer?

3       A.    No.

4       Q.    Sergeant, you hold the rank of sergeant?

5       A.    Yes, sir.

6       Q.    And in early November of 2005, did you hold that  
7           same rank?

8       A.    Yes, sir.

9       Q.    What were your duties back in early November of  
10           '05?

11      A.    Essentially the same duties that I hold today. I  
12           was a patrol supervisor on -- I work a six day  
13           on, three day off rotation. So on the days that  
14           the lieutenant that's assigned to the shift is  
15           off, I would be the shift commander.

16      Q.    So you have supervisory responsibilities as well?

17      A.    Yes, sir.

18      Q.    I'm going to direct your attention to  
19           November 3rd of 2005, ask if you were employed on  
20           that evening?

21      A.    Yes, sir.

22      Q.    Do you recall what your duties were on  
23           November 3rd?

24      A.    I was the shift commander for the noon to 8  
25           shift, that's the shift I'm assigned to.

1 Q. Sometime during that shift, Sergeant Colborn,  
2 were you informed of a Calumet County missing  
3 persons investigation that was ongoing?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And being involved in that -- or excuse me, being  
6 aware of that investigation, were you asked to  
7 assist in any way?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Tell the jury how you were asked to assist?

10 A. I was contacted by, I believe it was inspector or  
11 Investigator Mark Wiegert from the Calumet County  
12 Sheriff's Office, who contacted the dispatch  
13 center by telephone, who then transferred the  
14 call to my patrol car.

15 He asked if I could respond to, I  
16 believe he gave me the address of 12928 Avery  
17 Road. He asked if I knew where that was and I  
18 told him, yes, I believe that that was the  
19 address of Avery Auto Salvage. And he asked if I  
20 could go there and check for a missing person  
21 because they had a missing person report that had  
22 generated in Calumet County and it had been  
23 determined, through the course of their  
24 investigation, that she had been out at the Avery  
25 Salvage Yard, taking pictures of a vehicle that

1           was for sale.

2       Q.   At the time that Investigator Wiegert asked for  
3           your assistance, did Investigator Wiegert tell  
4           you other places within Manitowoc County that Ms  
5           Halbach had known to have been on the 31st of  
6           October?

7       A.   I don't believe in the -- in the initial phone  
8           call that he did.

9       Q.   All right.  Some time later that evening you  
10          heard?

11      A.   Yes, sometime later that evening he gave me  
12          another address on County Highway B and another  
13          name and asked me to check there as well.

14      Q.   What name was that, just so -- we're going to  
15          eventually get there?

16      A.   I believe the first name was George; I know the  
17          last name was Zipperer.

18      Q.   Sergeant Colborn, are you at all familiar with  
19          the Avery salvage business itself?

20      A.   Yes.

21      Q.   Tell the jury how you are familiar with that  
22          business.

23      A.   I have been, personally, a customer of the Avery  
24          Auto Salvage business; as well as, I have had  
25          contacts there through with law enforcement.  And

1 I have children that are the same age as some of  
2 the owners of Avery Auto Salvage, so I had  
3 contact with them through the course of school  
4 events.

5 Q. All right. Let's take those -- Well, when we  
6 discuss this, I'm going show you what's been  
7 received as Exhibit 86, can you tell us what that  
8 is, please.

9 A. That's an overhead, like an airplane view,  
10 birds-eye view of the Avery Auto Salvage.

11 Q. Prior to the 3rd of November, 2005, had you been  
12 to that property?

13 A. Prior to 2005?

14 Q. Prior to November 3rd of 2005, had you been to  
15 that property?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And under what circumstances, can you tell the  
18 jury about that?

19 A. Again, as a customer.

20 Q. Let's talk about that, first. What do you mean  
21 as a customer.

22 A. I have several older vehicles, one, as a matter  
23 of fact, is a 1950 Chevrolet pickup truck. And  
24 I -- in the process of tinkering around with it,  
25 I have gone to several auto salvage and I have

1           always been referred to the Avery Auto Salvage as  
2           the place to go if you are looking for an older  
3           model vehicle parts -- or parts for an older  
4           model vehicle.  
5       Q.   Was there one person in particular that you would  
6           normally have contact with at the Avery Auto  
7           Salvage?  
8       A.   No, actually, usually there were two; either I  
9           had contact with Charles Avery or Earl Avery.  
10      Q.   All right. They are brothers and, in fact, the  
11           owners of the business; is that right?  
12      A.   Yes, sir.  
13      Q.   Let me ask you this, Sergeant Colborn, if you  
14           know, prior to the 3rd of November, 2005, when  
15           was the last time you were at the Avery Auto  
16           Salvage business?  
17      A.   I think the last time I was at the Avery Auto  
18           Salvage business would have been 1999.  
19      Q.   All right. So at least six years previously?  
20      A.   Yes, sir.  
21      Q.   But you knew where it was?  
22      A.   Yes, sir.  
23      Q.   Then, on November 3rd, after Mr. Wiegert asked  
24           for your help; did you proceed to this scene?  
25      A.   Yes, sir.



1 Q. And that's 2005; is that right?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Can you tell the jury, please, what happened when  
4 you got there on November 3rd?

5 A. Again, I knew that Earl Avery, who was probably  
6 the person that I have had the most contact with  
7 or know the best, doesn't live on the Avery Auto  
8 Salvage property, so my initial -- what I was  
9 initially trying to do was to make contact with  
10 Charles Avery, who does reside on there.

11 I knew Charles to -- I didn't know if he  
12 owned the business, but I certainly knew that he  
13 managed the business. So I was going to make  
14 contact with him and ask him if he had seen  
15 someone on the property taking pictures of a  
16 vehicle that was for sale.

17 Q. In looking for Charles Avery, do you remember  
18 what building you went to?

19 A. Well, initially, I was kind of surprised when I  
20 drove in, because the shop area, a lot of --  
21 there were new buildings and things had changed  
22 since the last time I was there. But I was  
23 attempting to make contact at his residence,  
24 which I believe is right behind that large,  
25 square shaped building.

1 Q. We're handing you a laser pointer to assist you  
2 in your --  
3 A. I believe that --  
4 Q. -- testimony.  
5 A. I thought that was his residence right there.  
6 Q. And you were pointing actually to the residence  
7 which would be just the south of the --  
8 A. That one right there.  
9 Q. You have to wait until I finish my question, sir.  
10 You are pointing to a trailer or a residence just  
11 south of the Avery business itself. And I think  
12 counsel is willing to stipulate that is Charles  
13 Avery's residence.  
14 ATTORNEY STRANG: Certainly my  
15 understanding.  
16 THE COURT: All right. The record will  
17 reflect the stipulation.  
18 Q. (By Attorney Kratz)~ Did you drive or walk into  
19 this property?  
20 A. I drove.  
21 Q. Can you tell the jury where you came in from,  
22 please.  
23 A. There is -- To my knowledge there is only one  
24 entrance onto the property and that's off Avery  
25 Road, which the whole of Avery Road isn't

1            pictured on that picture. But I ended up coming  
2            down that dirt road there and parking almost  
3            where there is a vehicle parked right now.

4        Q.    Why don't you show us where you parked. If I  
5            zoomed into that location would that help us?  
6            All right. We have now zoomed in to Exhibit 86,  
7            could you, again, show the jury about where it  
8            was that you parked.

9                        You are pointing which would be just to  
10            the north of the large building, which is  
11            something we have been calling the new office or  
12            the new shop building; is that correct?

13        A.    Yes, sir.

14        Q.    All right. After parking at that location, tell  
15            the jury what happened. By the way, about what  
16            time was this that you got there?

17        A.    I'm guessing around 7:00, between 6:30 and 7:30.

18        Q.    Was it light out or was it dark?

19        A.    It was dark.

20        Q.    After parking there, Sergeant Colborn, what  
21            happened?

22        A.    I got -- I exited my squad car and I was going to  
23            walk down the road, that road right there, in  
24            order to access Charles' residence. Almost as  
25            soon as I got out of my car I heard something

1           behind me. I turned and Steve Avery was walking  
2           towards me and he had come out of that residence  
3           right there.

4       Q.    Do you know whose residence that is?

5       A.    I believe that's Al and Delores Avery's  
6           residence.

7       Q.    Did you have any conversation with Steven Avery  
8           at that time?

9       A.    Yes, I did.

10      Q.    And could you describe that conversation for the  
11           jury, please?

12      A.    I think Steve initiated the conversation with me  
13           by asking me what I wanted, what I was doing  
14           there.

15      Q.    Were you dressed similar to what you are dressed  
16           today?

17      A.    Yes, I was in uniform.

18      Q.    Did you have a marked squad car?

19      A.    Yes, I did.

20      Q.    What did you tell Mr. Avery?

21      A.    I told Avery -- Mr. Avery, that there was -- I  
22           had received a call from Calumet County and that  
23           they had informed me that there was a girl  
24           missing from Calumet County and asked him if she  
25           had come out to their property to photograph a

1 vehicle that they were selling.

2 Q. Did Mr. Avery have a response for you?

3 A. Yes, he said that she had been there.

4 Q. Did he tell you what day she had been there?

5 A. I think I might have told him that, what day that

6 she should have been out there. I don't recall

7 if we mentioned a date, but I do remember asking

8 him what time she had been out there.

9 Q. Did Mr. Avery recall this young woman?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did he name her for you?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did he tell you what she had done at his property

14 that day?

15 A. He said that she was taking some pictures of a

16 van that his sister was selling.

17 Q. Mr. Avery tell you how long the woman had been on

18 his property?

19 A. He said 5 or 10 minutes.

20 Q. Did you inquire of Mr. Avery whether or not he

21 had personal contact with this woman on the date

22 she was out there?

23 A. I asked Mr. Avery if she had said where she was

24 going. And he said, I never talked to her. She

25 was only here 5 or 10 minutes and she left.

1 Q. But he never talked to her?

2 A. That's what he told me, he never talked to her.

3 Q. Did he describe that further, how he knew she was

4 there?

5 A. He said he saw her out the window taking the

6 pictures.

7 Q. Okay. Did you complete that conversation with

8 Steven Avery? Do you recall that conversation?

9 A. I told Mr. Avery that her parents and her family

10 were getting worried and was he sure that she

11 didn't mention where she might have been going

12 after she left. And he said, no, I didn't talk

13 to her. She was only here a few minutes and then

14 she left.

15 Q. What was Mr. Avery's demeanor like as he was

16 talking to you; was he cooperative?

17 A. Yes, he was very cordial.

18 Q. Mr. Avery indicate to you the time, that is, when

19 this young woman had been on his property?

20 A. He said he thought between 2:00 or 2:30.

21 Q. What did you do then?

22 A. I believe I thanked him for talking with me and I

23 started to get back in my car. And I believe

24 Mr. Avery told me that he hoped she turned up

25 soon.

1 Q. What did you do then?

2 A. I left. I left the property and I contacted --

3 he is the under sheriff of our department now,

4 but at the time he was the deputy inspector of

5 the operations division. I called him.

6 Q. What's his name?

7 A. Greg Schetter. And I let him know that Calumet

8 County was investigating a missing persons case

9 and that one of the places that it had been

10 mentioned that this party was at was on -- at the

11 Avery Salvage Yard and I just left there and made

12 contact and that I was unable to locate that

13 person. And he suggested that I probably contact

14 Lieutenant Lenk and see if he wanted -- if

15 Lieutenant Lenk wanted any of our detectives to

16 assist Calumet County in searching any place

17 else.

18 Q. Did you do that?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. And did you speak with Lieutenant Lenk that

21 evening?

22 A. Yes, by phone. And then when I got into the

23 department, because prior to going into the

24 department I went past the other residence. I

25 must have also contacted Investigator Wiegert and



1 let him know that I hadn't located.

2 And he, I believe, at that time told me  
3 of the other address. So I purposely drove past  
4 that residence. I saw it was dark, but that  
5 there were cars in the driveway. But the  
6 residence was dark. I didn't see any lights on  
7 there. So I ended my tour of duty for patrol.

8 Q. Let me just stop you. Whose residence was this  
9 that you drove past?

10 A. George Zipperer's.

11 Q. Go ahead. What did you do?

12 A. I ended my patrol tour of duty, but I remained on  
13 duty to assist Calumet County Detective Dederling  
14 and Detective Remiker in making contact at George  
15 Zipperer's residence.

16 Q. Was that done at that time?

17 A. It was done, you know, within probably a half  
18 hour or 45 minutes of my getting back to the  
19 department.

20 Q. The question, Sergeant Colborn, did you assist in  
21 that process?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. You mentioned that there was a Calumet detective  
24 that was involved, as well as Manitowoc; is that  
25 right?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. In meeting with the Zipperers?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. And, again, do you remember who they were?

5 A. I believe his name is John Dederling.

6 Q. All right. When you -- I'm just going to go back

7 just briefly to your contact with Mr. Avery. You

8 mentioned that he was cooperative; is that right?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. I want you to remember back, as best you can,

11 Sergeant Colborn, at that initial meeting with

12 Mr. Avery, you, Sergeant Andy Colborn, did you

13 have any feelings or any inclination that

14 Mr. Avery may have been involved in Ms Halbach's

15 disappearance?

16 A. Not at that time, no.

17 Q. Did you do anything on the 3rd of November to

18 further investigate Mr. Avery?

19 A. On November 3rd?

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. Did you ever go back onto his property on the

23 3rd?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. After going to the Zipperers with Detective -- I

1 think it was Remiker and Dederling, what did you  
2 do after that?

3 A. After we were done, completed at the Zipperers?

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. I went home. I was done with -- you know, I was  
6 already on overtime. I checked out and went  
7 home.

8 Q. Do you know about what time that was?

9 A. 10:30, 11:00 at night, maybe.

10 Q. All right. Do you remember what you did the rest  
11 of that evening?

12 A. Just probably fell asleep on the couch. I went  
13 to bed and, you know, fell asleep.

14 Q. The next day, on the forth of November, were you  
15 working that day?

16 A. No, sir, I was off that day.

17 Q. It's a Friday; is that right?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Do you remember what you did on the 4th? We'll  
20 get back to that, but do you recall, generally,  
21 your day on the 4th of November?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Move your attention one day further, on the 5th,  
24 Saturday, the 5th of November; do you recall what  
25 you were doing that day or that morning?

1 A. That was also a regularly scheduled day off for  
2 me. Yes, I recall what I did on that day.  
3 Q. We'll get into the morning, but let me just jump  
4 right to this investigation. Were you contacted  
5 at all by any supervisors or superiors that day  
6 and asked to participate in this case?  
7 A. I was contacted by the noon to 8 shift commander  
8 for that day, and he did ask me to come into work  
9 and pick up a patrol vehicle and respond out to  
10 the Avery Salvage Yard.  
11 Q. Did you do that?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. In a marked vehicle?  
14 A. Yes, I did take a marked vehicle out there.  
15 Q. And about what time was it that you arrived at  
16 the Avery scene itself; do you recall?  
17 A. I know I left my house between 4:00 and 4:30. I  
18 probably got out to the Avery Salvage Yard  
19 between 5:15, 5:30 maybe.  
20 Q. To your best recollection?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. What happened when you got to the Avery salvage  
23 business?  
24 A. I made contact with the same supervisor who had  
25 called me and I asked him, what do you want me to

1 do. And he informed me that there was a deputy  
2 there that had some personal business or matters  
3 to attend to. She had been out there since  
4 apparently earlier in the day. And he asked me  
5 to transport that deputy back to the department  
6 so that she could get her own private vehicle and  
7 go home. And then come back out to the Avery  
8 Salvage Yard and provide security.

9 Q. Did you do that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What did you do when you got back to the Avery  
12 business?

13 A. Tried to stay in the car as much as possible  
14 because it was pouring rain. But they directed  
15 my attention to a place way off in the salvage  
16 yard where I could see some lights. And  
17 somewhere up in this area here they just told me  
18 to sit in the car and not let anyone go down any  
19 of these roads.

20 Q. Providing scene security up near what would be  
21 the business buildings?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you do that?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. How long did you have that responsibility.

1 A. Maybe like an hour, hour and a half. And I was  
2 then told that, actually, I could go home. So I  
3 was preparing to do that. I was checking all my  
4 equipment to make sure I had everything that I  
5 got out there -- came out there with. And then I  
6 was told that I was going to be needed in a  
7 different capacity and not to go home.

8 Q. All right. Let me ask you this, Sergeant  
9 Colborn, any time that day, any time on the 5th  
10 of November, did you ever make your way down  
11 towards the pond, or down towards the southeast  
12 quadrant of the Avery salvage property?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. Could you point to that area for us, with the  
15 laser pointer. Point to the northeast corner of  
16 the property. I'll specifically ask you about  
17 that area, did you go near that area at all on  
18 the 5th of November?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. How about on the 3rd when you were there 2 days  
21 earlier, talking to Steven Avery?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. And were you down there at all on the 4th of  
24 November?

25 A. No, sir.

1 Q. When initially being told that you could leave,  
2 or that you were in effect packing up to leave,  
3 who was it that approached you with other duties?  
4 A. Detective Remiker.  
5 Q. Do you know what you were being asked to do then?  
6 A. He just said, you may want to check in with  
7 Inspector Wiegert -- Detective Wiegert, before  
8 you go home, because you can see the huge area  
9 here, it's going to have to be checked, and we  
10 don't have a lot of people here to do that.  
11 Q. Do you know how many sworn law enforcement  
12 officers were on scene at that time, or is that  
13 something that you wouldn't even have a guess on?  
14 A. No, I didn't take a head count. I don't know. I  
15 would ball park it at 50 or less, but I don't  
16 know.  
17 Q. All right. Now, 50 sounds like a lot of police  
18 officers; do you think that's a lot for that size  
19 scene?  
20 ATTORNEY STRANG: Irrelevant.  
21 THE COURT: Sustained.  
22 Q. (By Attorney Kratz)~ Did you check in with  
23 Investigator Wiegert before you left?  
24 A. Yes.  
25 Q. And can you tell the jury, please, what -- what



1           that conversation was?

2       A.    I believe he asked me if I was an evidence  
3           technician and I said, yes, I am.  And --

4       Q.    Let me stop you there.  What all goes into being  
5           an evidence technician?

6       A.    It's an investigative portion, it's an  
7           investigative duty some police officers are  
8           trained to do and some who may not be interested  
9           in that are not.  Not every police officer is an  
10          evidence technician.  You do get special training  
11          on how to do photographing, how to identify  
12          evidence, how to collect evidence without  
13          destroying it.

14      Q.    All right.  And you had been through that  
15          training?

16      A.    Yes, sir.

17      Q.    With Manitowoc County, that is, with the  
18          sheriff's department, had you performed evidence  
19          collection duties prior to November 5th of 2005?

20      A.    Yes, sir.

21      Q.    How long had you been an evidence tech?

22      A.    Since 1997.

23      Q.    Have you ever executed a search warrant or  
24          collected evidence in that capacity before?

25      A.    Yes, sir.

1 Q. After Investigator Wiegert asked you if you were  
2 an evidence tech, what were you told to do?  
3 A. I was just told to stand by, not to go home. So  
4 I went back out to my patrol car.  
5 Q. And, again, where was that parked, if you can  
6 show us?  
7 A. I may, you know, have moved it closer to the  
8 Command Post, but initially I was parked right in  
9 this area here.  
10 Q. Again, near the business buildings?  
11 A. Yes, sir.  
12 Q. How long did you wait for further assignment?  
13 A. Maybe 5, 10 minutes.  
14 Q. Now, Sergeant Colborn, did you know what  
15 assignment you were going to be given; in other  
16 words, did you know where you were going to be  
17 directed that night?  
18 A. No, sir.  
19 Q. What's the next direction that you recall  
20 receiving?  
21 A. I believe the next person I made contact with was  
22 Sergeant Bill Tyson from the Calumet County  
23 Sheriff's Department. And he was with Lieutenant  
24 Lenk and Detective Remiker. I believe he came  
25 out of the Command Post. They kind of motioned

1 to me. So walked up to them and Sergeant Tyson  
2 said, you are going to be working for me and we  
3 are going to be going to Steve Avery's trailer.  
4 Q. What did working for me mean, or what do you  
5 believe it meant?  
6 A. Well, I had been told by this time that the  
7 Calumet County Sheriff's Department was leading  
8 up this investigation. So I interpreted working  
9 for me as, you are the boss and you are going to  
10 tell me what to do.  
11 Q. Okay. Were you okay with that?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. Did you then proceed with Deputy Tyson to the  
14 Steven Avery trailer?  
15 A. Yes, sir.  
16 Q. Do you remember how you got there, how you got  
17 down there?  
18 A. I believe we took two cars. I believe Sergeant  
19 Tyson took his Calumet County patrol car and we  
20 probably -- I don't think we took my marked unit,  
21 I think I got in Detective Remiker's car, or  
22 Lieutenant Lenk's car, whichever. It was an  
23 unmarked Manitowoc County car.  
24 Q. All right. Tell us again, if you can look at  
25 Exhibit 86, now where did you drive, where did

1           you guys go then?

2       A.    I had never been to Steve Avery's trailer before

3           so I really didn't know where it was. But we

4           drove down this road to that trailer right there.

5       Q.    I will zoom in again on Exhibit 86; do you recall

6           where the cars were parked?

7       A.    I believe we parked them in this driveway here

8           that goes up to that garage.

9       Q.    Do you recall that particular search that

10          evening?

11      A.    Yes, sir.

12      Q.    How is it that you have a independent memory of

13          that first search of Steven Avery's trailer?

14      A.    Because I was involved in it.

15      Q.    Okay. Did each of the search team members have a

16          specific responsibility within that trailer, if

17          you know?

18      A.    Not really. I did have the specific

19          responsibility of photographing. But as far as

20          collecting, I mean, we all worked as a team. It

21          wasn't like one person went here and one person

22          went there. We were always -- worked together as

23          a team, always within arm's length of one

24          another.

25      Q.    Was that by design, do you know?

1 A. I don't know if it was by design, per se, but it  
2 just seemed that this would be the best way for  
3 things to work and that we could be the most  
4 careful and concise, working together as a team.

5 Q. All right. Let me ask you, Sergeant Colborn, did  
6 you know the kinds of things that you were  
7 looking for in Steven Avery's trailer?

8 A. Not specific -- specifically, no.

9 Q. Was there generally a term of things that you  
10 were looking for?

11 A. I was looking for any evidence that would  
12 substantiate or eliminate her having been there.

13 Q. Who's her?

14 A. Teresa Halbach.

15 Q. What rooms were it that the four of you searched?

16 A. I believe that first night we did search the  
17 entire trailer. We started in what I term to be  
18 the master bedroom or the largest bedroom.

19 Q. All right. We have already heard from Sergeant  
20 Tyson so what responsibilities -- I'm just  
21 talking about you now, not the others -- but what  
22 responsibilities did you have in the search of  
23 that bedroom?

24 A. Again, initially, I did all the photographing  
25 that night with a 35mm camera. And then I was

1 looking in -- there was a bookcase type piece of  
2 furniture next to the bed and a desk next to  
3 that.

4 And while I say it's the larger bedroom,  
5 it's still kind of a small bedroom so those  
6 pieces of furniture were almost tight together.  
7 And there was very little distance between the  
8 bed and those pieces of furniture, I mean, maybe  
9 2 foot. And that's the area that I was  
10 specifically searching --

11 Q. How many --

12 A. -- in that bedroom.

13 Q. I'm sorry. How many men were in that bedroom?

14 A. There was myself, Detective Remiker, Lieutenant  
15 Lenk and Sergeant Tyson.

16 Q. I'm going to put on the screen an exhibit which  
17 has already been received; it's Exhibit 103.  
18 It's a computer generated exhibit. Zoom in,  
19 specifically, into the bedroom; does that help  
20 you better orient yourself to Steven Avery's  
21 bedroom?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Take the laser pointer, please, and tell the  
24 jurors in what area you had initial  
25 responsibility to search on the 5th of November.

1 A. This cabinet right here, I guess we could call  
2 that a bookcase, and this desk right here.

3 Q. All right. And did you -- Let's talk about the  
4 cabinet first. Mr. Wiegert is going to hand you  
5 what's been marked as Exhibit No. 203 and on 204,  
6 ask if you found those items in Mr. Avery's  
7 bedroom on the 5th of November?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Tell the jury where you found them, please.

10 A. That's a shelf right there, there's a little  
11 space between that shelf and the top of the  
12 cabinet. I found them inside there, inside that  
13 area.

14 Q. Now, after finding or locating a piece of  
15 physical evidence during this search, that is, on  
16 the 5th, what did you do with that evidence?

17 A. As soon as I located something that, in my  
18 opinion, was of evidence, which doesn't  
19 necessarily make it evidence, but if it was, in  
20 my opinion, to be of evidentiary value, I stopped  
21 what I was doing. I informed Sergeant Tyson,  
22 hey, I found some leg irons and handcuffs in  
23 here.

24 Then Sergeant Tyson would come over. I  
25 would photograph them, then he collected them and



1 put them -- you know, went through the  
2 administrative duties that the Calumet County  
3 Sheriff's Department requires for logging  
4 evidence.

5 Q. The actual seizure, or the collection of them,  
6 was whose responsibility?

7 A. Calumet County's.

8 Q. Sergeant Tyson?

9 A. Well, on that evening, yes, Sergeant Tyson,  
10 sorry.

11 Q. When you look at Exhibit 103, this computer  
12 generated diagram, other than the roof being  
13 ripped off, for obvious reasons, does that look  
14 the same or similar as it did on the 5th of  
15 November?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. You see on the wall above the bed, the headboard,  
18 there is a gun rack; do you see that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Is that how it looked on the 5th of November as  
21 well?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you see any firearms on that gun rack that  
24 aft -- that evening?

25 A. There were two firearms on that gun rack, just

1           pretty much like it is in the picture.

2       Q.   Were you able, Sergeant Colborn, to identify  
3           those guns, or at least what kind of guns they  
4           were?

5       A.   I know as soon as we walked into the room we  
6           noticed the guns right away. I probably stood  
7           right about here and I could see that one of the  
8           guns, I believe it's this lower one, was a  
9           muzzleloader, and it had a piece of masking tape  
10          on the stock that said Steve.

11      Q.   What about the gun on top; is that a long gun as  
12          well?

13      A.   It's a .22 caliber rifle.

14      Q.   Now, let me ask you, to the best of your  
15          recollection, Sergeant Colborn, were those guns,  
16          were those firearms seized from Mr. Avery's  
17          bedroom on the 5th of November?

18      A.   I don't think we did take them on the 5th of  
19          November, no.

20      Q.   So the jury understands, at that time, that is,  
21          that first day, that first night that you guys --  
22          you guys meaning the law enforcement -- got  
23          there, had Teresa Halbach's body or any of her  
24          remains been located?

25      A.   No, sir.

1 Q. Did you even know that you were dealing with a  
2 crime at that time?

3 A. I -- Initially, we were still treating this more  
4 or less as a missing person.

5 Q. All right. But you were looking for items that  
6 had obvious evidentiary value; is that right?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. What were some of the other rooms that -- or let  
9 me just -- let me just make this clear, while in  
10 that room, while in that bedroom searching, did  
11 you notice any -- anything on the floor;  
12 specifically, did you notice any car key on the  
13 floor?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. In looking at, or on top of, either the desk or  
16 the bookcase, did you notice any car key or  
17 something that may have had obvious evidentiary  
18 value in that regard?

19 A. Not really, no.

20 Q. Okay. What other rooms were searched that night?

21 A. I believe we searched every -- every room in the  
22 trailer that evening.

23 Q. Try to get to a overview here. This has been  
24 received as Exhibit No. 102, does this appear to  
25 be an overview of the Avery trailer, again, a

1 computer generated diagram?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Lists both bedrooms, the bathroom, living room,  
4 dining room and kitchen area; is that right?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Each of those rooms searched that evening?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. You said you were taking 35mm photography in that  
9 trailer; is that correct?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Were there other photographs also being taken?

12 A. I believe Detective Remiker had brought a small  
13 digital camera in as well and he was taking some  
14 digital photos as well.

15 Q. I show you a photo that's been received as  
16 evidence. This is Exhibit No. 163 and ask if you  
17 recognize this particular photo.

18 A. That's a photograph of the master bedroom area I  
19 was just talking about in Steve Avery's trailer.

20 Q. Is that how it looked on the 5th of November?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Exhibit No. 175, again, which has been received,  
23 could you tell us what this is, if you know.

24 A. That's in the living room area of that same  
25 trailer, the same residence. And this is like a

1 corner of the living room that was set up as a  
2 computer work area.

3 Q. Was that an area that you and your colleagues  
4 searched that evening?

5 A. Detective Remiker was the primary officer that  
6 looked at that area, but he did call me over a  
7 couple times to have me take pictures of items  
8 that he had found.

9 Q. You can't fit four grown men into that --

10 A. No, sir.

11 Q. -- corner; is that right? After the search was  
12 completed, or when the search was wrapping up,  
13 could you tell us how that search ended, how that  
14 effort ended?

15 A. The items that we had decided were of evidentiary  
16 value that night were placed in Sergeant Tyson's  
17 patrol vehicle and he stayed with the evidence.  
18 We all went back to the Command Post. And not  
19 exactly sure which Calumet County officer told us  
20 what time to be there the next day, but we were  
21 instructed to return the next day; myself,  
22 Lieutenant Lenk, and Detective Remiker. And we  
23 all left at the same time.

24 Q. After leaving the residence on the 5th, can you  
25 tell the jury where you went, please.

1 A. I would have gone back to the Manitowoc County  
2 Sheriff's Department, which is in the city of  
3 Manitowoc and to get my personal vehicle, so I  
4 could go home.

5 Q. Do you know about what time you cleared the  
6 scene; in other words, about what time you left,  
7 if you remember?

8 A. I'm sorry, I don't. I know it was late, that's  
9 all.

10 Q. The next day, that is, on the 6th of November,  
11 were you asked to come back to the scene?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. And what were you asked to do on the 6th?

14 A. On the 6th, when I came out there, again, with  
15 Detective Remiker and Lieutenant Lenk and I  
16 believe just -- this time just Lieutenant Lenk  
17 went into the Command Post to make contact with  
18 who we would be working with with Cal County that  
19 day.

20 And Detective Remiker and I just kind of  
21 waited until he came back out. And we were  
22 introduced to Deputy Kucharski. And then Deputy  
23 Kucharski informed us what our assignment would  
24 be for that day.

25 Q. Okay. Prior to arriving on the scene, once

1           again, did you know what your assignment was  
2           going to be?

3       A.    No, I had no idea.

4       Q.    Was an evidence collection team formed or  
5           developed that morning, on the 6th?

6       A.    Yes, sir.

7       Q.    Do you remember who was involved in that team?

8       A.    It was myself, Lieutenant Lenk, Detective  
9           Remiker, and Deputy Kucharski, who's a employee  
10          of the Calumet County Sheriff's Department.

11      Q.    Once again, was it determined who would be in  
12          charge of that group of search individuals?

13      A.    After the first day, we didn't, you know -- I  
14          didn't need to be told who was in charge, I knew.  
15          But Deputy Kucharski told me that he would be  
16          responsible for collecting and maintaining  
17          security on any evidence that was located that  
18          day.

19      Q.    All right. What areas, then, of search were you  
20          involved with, if any, on the 6th of November?

21      A.    Initially, we started at the garage, at Steve  
22          Avery's residence.

23      Q.    Tell me about this garage, please?

24      A.    It's a wooden, frame structure, maybe like a car  
25          and a half garage. Not -- Not attached to the



1 residence. It had a vehicle parked out in front  
2 of it, a black Ford pickup truck.

3 Q. I show you what's been received in evidence as  
4 Exhibit No. 38, can you tell us what we're  
5 looking at here, please.

6 A. That's Steve Avery's residence. That's his  
7 garage. That's his pickup truck.

8 Q. All right. And that garage was searched; is that  
9 right?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Who was that searched by?

12 A. The aforementioned team; myself, Lieutenant Lenk,  
13 Detective Remiker, and Deputy Kucharski.

14 Q. Do you remember the interior of that garage on  
15 the 5th of November?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Can you briefly describe that for the jury?

18 A. There was a smaller sport utility vehicle parked  
19 in one half of the garage. It was a Suzuki  
20 Samurai. There was a snowmobile also parked in  
21 there, a Skidoo snowmobile. And there were some  
22 other benches and tools that kind of went all the  
23 way around the garage. There wasn't a lot of  
24 room in there, with all the other apparatus that  
25 was in there.

1 Q. In this case, already, and I think the defense  
2 had asked and has been admitted, Exhibit No. 119,  
3 ask you to take a look at Exhibit No. 119. Tell  
4 us what we're looking at here.

5 A. That would be the interior of Steve Avery's  
6 garage.

7 Q. Fair to say there's a lot of stuff in there?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. What kind of search was performed of that garage?

10 A. Well, the same type of, you know, search that we  
11 had performed the night before in his residence.  
12 We were looking for anything that would lead us  
13 to believe that there was a missing person in  
14 there.

15 Q. Each of the items that we see, and we can even  
16 zoom into some of these things, was each and  
17 every one of those items removed from the garage  
18 and thoroughly searched, or searched under each  
19 and every one of these items?

20 A. No. No, sir.

21 Q. Wasn't that kind of search?

22 A. No.

23 Q. In a very broad way, that is, in a overview  
24 fashion, because we're going to hear from Deputy  
25 Kucharski, but in a very broad sense, can you

1 tell us the kinds of things that were recovered  
2 or viewed while you were in that garage?

3 A. Almost as soon as we stepped in the garage I  
4 noticed, as did everyone else, that there were  
5 several spent shell casings lying on the floor of  
6 the garage.

7 Q. What's a shell casing?

8 A. It's the brass portion of a bullet. After the  
9 bullet has been expended or fired, the casing is  
10 usually ejected through from the firearm and  
11 lands in close proximity to the shooter, usually  
12 on the ground.

13 Q. Let me ask you this, Sergeant Colborn, are you  
14 familiar with shell casings for different kinds  
15 of, or different calibers of firearms?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. By visual inspection, that is, without picking  
18 them up or without even taking a look at those  
19 shell casings, were you able to determine what  
20 caliber weapon was used to fire those bullets?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How were you are able to determine that?

23 A. The shell casings that were laying on the ground  
24 were small, for one. They were brass and they  
25 didn't have a center primer. They had been fired

1           on the corner of the bottom of the casing; in  
2           other words, the rim of the casing. And a  
3           .22 caliber weapon is one of the only weapons  
4           that is a rim fire weapon. Most weapons have a  
5           primer in the center of the bullet. This does  
6           not; it's fired off the rim.

7       Q.   How many, what you believed were .22 caliber  
8           shell casings, were readily apparent or viewable  
9           to the naked eye as you entered that garage?

10      A.   There were quite a few, 12 maybe, 12 plus.

11      Q.   Do you know for sure?

12      A.   No, sir, I don't.

13      Q.   During the course of that search, were the shell  
14           casings that were at least out in plain view  
15           seized by Deputy Kucharski?

16      A.   Yes, we photographed them first, where they were  
17           lying. Initially, Deputy Kucharski and I were  
18           both doing photographs, but then we thought  
19           perhaps that was a bit redundant. So I just  
20           let -- Deputy Kucharski felt more than  
21           comfortable taking the photographs so I just  
22           stopped taking pictures and assisted with  
23           locating.

24      Q.   About how long did the search of this garage  
25           take?

1 A. One hour, one and a half hours.

2 Q. Looking at the stuff, I will call it junk; I

3 don't know if I will get an objection about that,

4 but probably not. Looking at the junk that we

5 see here, in a one hour search, were you able to

6 thoroughly search this garage?

7 A. No. I mean, if we were looking for something

8 minute, you could spend easily an hour just in

9 this area right here.

10 Q. All right. Were you given other search

11 assignments that day?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Can you tell us where you were next assigned to

14 search?

15 A. I believe the next assignment, I believe, was the

16 Ford pickup truck that was parked right in front

17 of the garage.

18 Q. And that was Steve's black truck that we had seen

19 before?

20 A. I do have to mention, there were several times,

21 and I believe this was one of them, where we

22 would be searching a specific area, somebody from

23 Cal County would come and say, I need your

24 assistance doing this. So we would stop what we

25 were doing and assist them with another project

1           and then go back. So I believe before we started  
2           searching that Ford pickup truck, I was asked to  
3           photograph some burning barrels and assist in  
4           loading them up into a covered trailer.

5       Q.   All right. Did you do that?

6       A.   Yes, sir.

7       Q.   Just as long as we have this picture up, first,  
8           we're going to go back to Exhibit 38; was that  
9           the truck that you assisted in searching?

10      A.   Yes.

11      Q.   Now, you talked about some burn barrels, where  
12           were these located?

13      A.   Behind or to the side of Steve's garage. There  
14           was three or four of them.

15      Q.   Did you know whose burn barrels those were?

16      A.   No, I didn't.

17      Q.   You said that there were others that were  
18           assisting in the recovery of those; do you know  
19           who those other individuals were?

20      A.   I didn't know, you know, everyone's name from the  
21           Calumet County Sheriff's Department, or the  
22           Department of Criminal Investigations that was  
23           working there. I just recognized that some of  
24           the officers were not at all connected with  
25           Manitowoc County, but they were uniformed. And I

1 saw Calumet County, you know, Sheriff's  
2 Department patches on their uniforms, but I do  
3 not know them by name.

4 Q. There were some Manitowoc officers also involved?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Those burn barrels, I think a picture of them has  
7 been received as Exhibit 52, I'm going to show  
8 you that picture; do you recognize that?

9 A. Yes, I took that picture.

10 Q. Who is that we see in the picture?

11 A. That's Detective Dave Remiker from the Manitowoc  
12 Sheriff's Department.

13 Q. These are the four burn barrels that you assisted  
14 in recovering and loading; is that right?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Looks like it's raining here again; is that  
17 right?

18 A. Yes. I wanted to get a picture to show that we  
19 were trying our best to protect the contents of  
20 the barrel; that's the reason that tarp is on  
21 there.

22 Q. After those barrels were loaded, did you proceed  
23 to complete the search of Steve's black truck?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. All right. After that effort, what did you do



1           then?

2       A.   Again, this is going to be one of those times  
3           that I was pulled away for another project.  We  
4           were almost completed with the search of Steve's  
5           truck when I was -- again, another Calumet County  
6           supervisor told me -- or asked me where the  
7           Maribel Caves Park was.  And I said, you know, I  
8           described where it was, but not being from  
9           Manitowoc County, he didn't really know where it  
10          was.  And he said, well, some searchers have  
11          found some things at the Maribel Caves Park, can  
12          you go out there; see what they have, if you  
13          think it's evidence, pick it up.  So myself and  
14          Detective Remiker went out to Maribel Caves Park  
15          where we made contact with a civilian search  
16          party.  And they showed us some things that they  
17          had found and we ended up bagging them up and  
18          turning them over to the Calumet County Sheriff's  
19          Department.

20       Q.   What did do you then?

21       A.   When I got back, then, I believe, the search of  
22           Steve's truck, I think, had been completed then.  
23           You know, in my absence, Deputy Kucharski had  
24           completed the search and then I would have to  
25           take a look at his report to see what our next

1 assignment was. I believe we were sent to Chuck  
2 Avery's residence -- no, either Chuck's or  
3 Steve's sister. And I'm not positive which one  
4 was next.

5 Q. Who's Steve's sister?

6 A. Her first name is Barb. I believe at that time  
7 her last name was Janda.

8 Q. All right. Did you assist in the search of Barb  
9 Janda's trailer?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And we're going to hear from Detective Remiker  
12 later, but do you recall being present when a  
13 telephone answering machine was located.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. This has been received as Exhibit No. 55, can you  
16 tell us what we're looking at, please.

17 A. I believe that's the answering machine that was  
18 in Barb Janda's residence.

19 Q. Who else was present when this answering machine  
20 was investigated or searched?

21 A. It was the same search team that had gone into  
22 Steve Avery's garage; Lieutenant Lenk, myself,  
23 Detective Remiker, and Deputy Kucharski.

24 Q. Were the messages on this machine examined?

25 A. When we -- When we found the answering machine, I

1 saw that there were messages on there. I said,  
2 let's unplug it and take the answering machine.  
3 And, of course, the conversation between all of  
4 us, we said, well, what if somehow in the  
5 unplugging process we lose the messages. So,  
6 yes, we hit the play button and listened to the  
7 messages and Detective Remiker recorded the  
8 messages as they were being played.

9 Q. Did you have occasion that day to reenter Steven  
10 Avery's trailer?

11 A. I believe that was the day that I was asked to --  
12 our whole team was asked to go back into Steve's  
13 trailer and obtain serial number -- I think that  
14 was the day -- that we were asked to obtain a  
15 serial number off Steve's computer, the tower  
16 portion of his computer.

17 Q. Are you sure about that, or are you guessing?

18 A. I'm not positive if that was the day or not. I  
19 know that was one of the assignments that I  
20 completed. I thought it was that day, but I'm  
21 not positive. I do know, also, that that day we  
22 had to go back into Steve Avery's trailer and  
23 collect his weapons.

24 Q. Can you, again, describe those weapons.

25 A. He had a, like a two place or gun rack over his

1           bed. There were two weapons on the gun rack; one  
2           was a .22 caliber rifle, and the other was a --  
3           if I remember correctly -- was a .50 caliber  
4           muzzleloader.  
5       Q.   We're going to have these marked, actually.  
6                    ATTORNEY KRATZ: Mr. Fallon, if you could  
7           have them marked.  
8                    ATTORNEY FALLON: They're marked.  
9                    ATTORNEY KRATZ: Oh, I'm sorry.  
10      Q.   (By Attorney Kratz)~ Do you see a picture of the  
11           .22 caliber rifle?  
12      A.   Yes, sir.  
13      Q.   And what exhibit number is that?  
14      A.   It is Exhibit 164.  
15      Q.   See if I can find that here. Do you recognize  
16           Exhibit No. 164?  
17      A.   Yes, it's a .22 caliber rifle that we located in  
18           Steve Avery's bedroom.  
19      Q.   I have put up a photograph of Exhibit No. 164;  
20           again, does that .22 caliber rifle look the same  
21           or similar as it did when it was seized on the  
22           6th of November?  
23      A.   Yes, sir.  
24      Q.   Did you, by the way, that day, on the 6th, have  
25           occasion to, at all, inspect or further inspect,

1           that rifle?

2       A.   When we collected the rifle, in order to manage  
3           an evidence room, we first needed to make sure  
4           that the weapon wasn't loaded. So I did pull the  
5           action back to see if it was going to eject a  
6           round. And I believe I pulled the tube out,  
7           which is under the barrel there.

8       Q.   Why don't you show you us with the laser pointer.

9       A.   That portion of the weapon is the magazine. To  
10          load it, you pull a tube out, I believe, an  
11          insert rounds through that notch right there.

12                 This is the action of the magazine; it's  
13          a semi-automatic weapon. So I pulled this action  
14          back to see if there was a round inside the  
15          barrel. And I believe the safety is right there  
16          on the weapon and I would have checked to make  
17          sure that the safety was on, because if someone  
18          handling the weapon, obviously, if it was loaded  
19          with the safety off, it could fire.

20      Q.   Sure. Are you familiar with a semi-automatic  
21          rifle such as Exhibit No. 164?

22      A.   Yes, sir.

23      Q.   Now, a tube loaded or a tube fed magazine, for  
24          those on the jury that aren't gun enthusiasts,  
25          can you tell us just -- just generally how that

1 works?

2 A. This portion of the weapon right here is where  
3 it's loaded. At the very end here, you can twist  
4 a knob and you pull out like a plastic plunger  
5 and you load -- you would have to turn the weapon  
6 almost upside down. But if you can see that,  
7 there's a little notch there, that's where you  
8 put the rounds in and then you just slide this  
9 tube back in until it locks.

10 And if it doesn't lock, you put too many  
11 rounds in. You have to get it so that that  
12 locks. As you fire the weapon, there's a spring  
13 on there and it just keeps pushing the rounds  
14 back to the chamber.

15 Q. After a .22, you mentioned a rim fire bullets,  
16 but after the shell casings are ejected, where do  
17 they come out of?

18 A. Out of that area right there, that silver area.

19 Q. And with a semi-automatic weapon, do you have to  
20 reload it, or cock it, or do anything that any --  
21 any action like that that we might hear with  
22 other weapons?

23 A. No, sir. A semi-automatic weapon will continue  
24 to fire as fast as you can pull the trigger. You  
25 must release the trigger to its sear each time,

1 but it will continue to fire as fast as you can  
2 pull the trigger, until all the shells are  
3 expended.

4 Q. By the way, Sergeant Colborn, I don't know if you  
5 know this, but do you know what kind of weapon  
6 this is; what brand name weapon?

7 A. I know when we catalogued the weapon, when we  
8 took it, and when Deputy Kucharski took it in as  
9 evidence, I read the manufacturer name to him,  
10 but I don't recall who manufactured that weapon.

11 Q. That's fine. Thank you. You said there was a  
12 second weapon that was seized; is that right?

13 A. Yes, sir. You gave me a photograph that's marked  
14 Exhibit 165.

15 Q. Why don't you tell us what that is?

16 A. That's a muzzleloading weapon, similar to like a  
17 musket from the Revolutionary War or frontier  
18 period. It's called muzzleloading because that's  
19 where you load it, through the muzzle.

20 Q. Where were these items seized from?

21 A. Steve Avery's bedroom, on a gun rack that was  
22 hanging above his bed.

23 Q. Is there anything else that was seized from  
24 Mr. Avery's trailer that day, that is, on the 6th  
25 of November, that you can recall?



1 A. Not that I recall, no, sir.

2 Q. Any other buildings that you were asked to search  
3 that day?

4 A. Not that I specifically recall, no.

5 Q. All right.

6 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Judge, before going into  
7 the next day's search for the 7th, this might be a  
8 good time for a lunch break.

9 THE COURT: All right. The Court agrees.  
10 Members of the jury, we're going to take our lunch  
11 break at this time. Again, do not discuss the case  
12 in any fashion and during the break and we'll resume  
13 at 1:00.

14 (Jury not present.)

15 THE COURT: You may be seated. Go off the  
16 record at this time.

17 (Off the record discussion.)

18 THE COURT: At this time we'll go back on  
19 the record. Mr. Kratz.

20 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Judge, before we break for  
21 lunch, Mr. Strang was kind enough to alert me that  
22 this witness may be cross-examined with the  
23 assistance of a audio CD. Mr. Strang gave me a CD  
24 that has 24 tracks on it. I don't know if he  
25 intends to play all 24 tracks in the

1 cross-examination, but it would certainly assist us  
2 in orienting as to the time and the context of those  
3 conversations, if those could be identified. If  
4 they can't, that's fine, but if the tracks  
5 themselves, rather than listen to all 24 during the  
6 lunch hour, could be identified, we would appreciate  
7 that.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Strang.

9 ATTORNEY STRANG: Well, I provided the CD  
10 out of an abundance of caution. I think these --  
11 these taped calls are all calls that the State, like  
12 the defense, received during the hearing on  
13 August 9, 2006, from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's  
14 Department. We should probably excuse the witness.

15 THE COURT: I was just thinking about that  
16 myself. Mr. Colborn, if you can step out of the  
17 courtroom for a minute, we'll continue here. The  
18 witness has now left the courtroom.

19 ATTORNEY STRANG: Right. As I say, I'm  
20 quite confident that when we received the CD's from  
21 the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department on  
22 August 9, 2006, the State also received the very  
23 same recorded calls, both radio transmissions and  
24 some land lines at the sheriff's department that are  
25 answered by dispatchers. Out of an abundance of

1           caution, I gave Mr. Kratz another copy of the disc  
2           I'm going to mark today. But I'm not interested in  
3           disclosing my cross-examination over the lunch hour  
4           while, you know, the State is free to prepare  
5           including with the witness.

6           THE COURT: All right. If it's information  
7           that the parties already have, I don't know what's  
8           going to come in but, Mr. Kratz, if you need a break  
9           before redirect, I will take up a request at that  
10          time.

11          ATTORNEY KRATZ: That's fine and counsel  
12          may hear the very same response later in the trial.  
13          That's fine. Thank you, Judge.

14          THE COURT: Okay.

15                       (Noon recess taken.)

16          THE COURT: Mr. Kratz, at this time you may  
17          resume your direct examination of Mr. Colborn.

18          ATTORNEY KRATZ: Thank you, Judge.

19                       DIRECT EXAMINATION

20          BY ATTORNEY KRATZ:

21          Q.     Sergeant Colborn, we left off with the next day,  
22                 I believe, of your involvement with the -- on  
23                 Monday, the 7th of November; do you remember that  
24                 day?

25          A.     Yes, sir.

1 Q. Were you asked to return to the Avery property?  
2 A. Yes, I was.  
3 Q. And, by the way, who were you asked to return  
4 there by?  
5 A. The Calumet County Sheriff's Office, or  
6 Department of Criminal Investigation, one of  
7 those officers.  
8 Q. If you could speak up just a little bit,  
9 Sergeant, I would appreciate it.  
10 A. I was either asked to return by the Calumet  
11 County Sheriff's Department, one of their  
12 supervisors, or by the Department of  
13 Corrections -- or Department of Criminal  
14 Investigations, Agent Tom Fassbender.  
15 Q. Were you, for lack of a better word, volunteering  
16 for this service, or these duties?  
17 A. No.  
18 Q. On the 7th of November, then, do you recall about  
19 what time you returned to the salvage yard?  
20 A. Somewhere between 6:30 in the morning and 7:30 in  
21 the morning, I believe.  
22 Q. Sergeant Colborn, what were you asked to do on  
23 the 7th, if you recall?  
24 A. On the -- On Monday, I was informed that -- by  
25 Sergeant Tice that I -- Tyson, that I would be

1           working with him, again. This would be the same  
2           Sergeant Tyson that I had worked with on  
3           Saturday.

4                       And he informed us that our assignment  
5           that day was to go into the Avery Salvage Yard  
6           and open any trunks of vehicles that had not yet  
7           been searched, because the trunks, apparently,  
8           they couldn't find the keys for these vehicles  
9           and we were to look inside the trunks of these  
10          vehicles.

11   Q.    Were there any other members of your team, other  
12          than you and Sergeant Tyson?

13   A.    Also Lieutenant Lenk was with me that day.

14   Q.    And did you, in fact, assist in opening up or  
15          searching trunks that hadn't yet been opened?

16   A.    Yes, I did.

17   Q.    What else happened on the 7th?

18   A.    That took the better part of the morning. I  
19          believe in the afternoon we were instructed to  
20          start collecting -- you know, specifically  
21          instructed to collect -- I take that back. At  
22          some point we were also asked to get a -- I  
23          believe this was the day that we were asked to  
24          get the serial number off Steven Avery's  
25          computer.

1 Q. Did you assist Sergeant Tyson in that regard?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. Can you tell the jury what you did, please.

4 A. The serial number is on the back of the computer.

5 And the portion of the computer that we needed

6 the serial number was underneath a desk that had

7 been shown earlier, the photograph that was shown

8 earlier. So I crawled underneath the desk and

9 used a flashlight to obtain the manufacturer and

10 the serial number of the computer, which Sergeant

11 Tyson wrote down.

12 Q. All right. How long did that process take?

13 A. At the most, 10 minutes.

14 Q. Did you go in any other part of the residence, or

15 did you confine yourself to the living room area?

16 A. I just confined myself to the area where the

17 computer was that day.

18 Q. What else did you do then?

19 A. I believe then we were instructed to -- I believe

20 we were instructed, then, to start collecting

21 some firearms from the other residences that were

22 on the Avery property. I believe, specifically,

23 Barb Janda's residence.

24 Q. And did you do that?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. All right. What's the next thing you did on the  
2 7th?

3 A. I know at one point I was asked to take some  
4 photographs, I believe, of a burning barrel that  
5 was on Steve Avery's property. I did do that.

6 Q. Which -- Which burn barrel did you take  
7 photographs of?

8 A. It was a burn barrel that was on, I would -- that  
9 was in close proximity to Steve's trailer. And I  
10 remember it had a car wheel by it.

11 Q. To orient us to that, there's an exhibit which  
12 has been received, it's Exhibit 114. It's,  
13 again, an exterior computer animation. If you  
14 take your laser pointer up there, tell us what  
15 we're looking at, and what burn barrel you were  
16 asked to examine and photograph?

17 A. That burn barrel right there. I remember right  
18 on one -- either this side or this side of it  
19 there was a car wheel standing on its edge with a  
20 tire missing.

21 Q. Did it appear to you, at least as you went to  
22 that scene and as you look at Exhibit 114, who  
23 that burn barrel is attached to?

24 A. Yes, it's the burn barrel for that residence,  
25 right there, Steve Avery's residence.



1 Q. Now, Sergeant, you talked about some different  
2 kinds of photography. I think you talked about  
3 digital as well as 35mm photography; do you  
4 remember that day, the 7th of November, what kind  
5 of photography you were performing?  
6 A. 35mm, I did not do any digital photography the  
7 entire time I was out there, personally.  
8 Q. That way you talked about a wheel next to the  
9 burn barrel, I'm going to show you what's been  
10 marked as Exhibit No. 158, in fact, Mr. Fallon is  
11 going to hand it to you, but I would ask you if  
12 you could tell us what this is an image of.  
13 A. That is a car wheel, that's at the very edge of  
14 Steve Avery's burn barrel. And those wires, I  
15 believe, that are around the wheel are actually  
16 part of the make up of the tire, probably like  
17 portions of the steel belt.  
18 Q. As we get closer, do a little bit of a close up,  
19 can you see that better now on the screen?  
20 A. Yes, sir.  
21 Q. By the way, Exhibit 158, is that a photo that you  
22 took or likely took?  
23 A. Yes, sir.  
24 ATTORNEY KRATZ: In all honesty, Judge, so  
25 that I don't forget, I'm going to move the admission

1 of Exhibit 158 at this time.

2 THE COURT: Any objection?

3 ATTORNEY STRANG: None.

4 THE COURT: 158 is received.

5 Q. (By Attorney Kratz)~ Were you asked to do  
6 anything else on the 7th, Sergeant?

7 A. I believe I was also -- At some point, apparently  
8 the Command Post received word that some  
9 searchers had located an area that -- it looked  
10 suspicious, there was plastic poking up from the  
11 ground and it looked like the ground had been  
12 disturbed. So I was asked to go to that area  
13 along with the Wisconsin State Crime Lab,  
14 Sergeant Tyson, and Lieutenant Lenk and help the  
15 Crime Lab, if they requested it, to excavate that  
16 area.

17 Q. Do you know on what roadway this was?

18 A. I believe it was off Kuss, White Cedar Road.

19 Q. This is something that Mr. Ertl, yesterday,  
20 talked about a potential burial site but what  
21 wasn't; was that your understanding, that it  
22 turned out not to be?

23 A. Yes, it turned out to be nothing.

24 Q. Did you do anything else on the 7th.

25 A. I think by the time we were down with that, that

1 consumed the rest of the day.

2 Q. Let's move on then to the 8th, which would be

3 Tuesday, the 8th of November, were you asked to

4 return to the property?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Again, who were you asked to return there by?

7 A. By -- No, I didn't get the -- the -- wasn't told

8 to me directly. Usually Lieutenant Lenk met with

9 members of the Calumet County Sheriff's

10 Department and Department of Criminal

11 Investigations at the completion of each day and

12 then I would just check with Lieutenant Lenk, are

13 we needed tomorrow or no.

14 Q. I see.

15 A. And then he said, we're needed tomorrow.

16 Q. Did you show up then on the 8th?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And who were you attached to, or who were you

19 assigned to that day?

20 A. I was assigned to Deputy Dan Kucharski from the

21 Calumet County Sheriff's Department.

22 Q. Do you know what you were asked to do on the 8th?

23 A. Yes, Deputy Kucharski, Lieutenant Lenk, and

24 myself were instructed, by Special Agent

25 Fassbender, to look for some specific printed

1 material inside Steven Avery's residence.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. And to collect same.

4 Q. Did you have occasion to enter Steven Avery's

5 bedroom on the 8th of November?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Who did you enter that bedroom with.

8 A. Deputy Kucharski and Lieutenant Lenk.

9 Q. How long did you spend in that bedroom on the

10 8th, if you recall?

11 A. An hour or so.

12 Q. Were you directed to perform any search of that

13 trailer, specifically of that bedroom?

14 A. Before -- Actually, before we started on the

15 bedroom, I was instructed to, with Deputy

16 Kucharski, to remove the computer and to wait

17 until the computer was picked up by another law

18 enforcement officer.

19 Q. Okay. Did you do that?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Then, moving to the bedroom, my question is,

22 whether you were to perform a search that day?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. I'm showing you what's been marked for

25 identification as Exhibit No. 208; can you tell

1           us what that is, please.

2    A.    These are photographs of a cabinet that's right

3           next to the desk in Steve Avery's bedroom, that

4           would be the same bedroom where the firearms were

5           that I described before and --

6    Q.    We're just talking about the first one now,

7           Exhibit 208.

8    A.    That's this photograph here.  It's a picture

9           of -- this is a desk.

10   Q.    I'm actually going to put a view up for the jury

11          so that we can -- Okay.  If you want to use your

12          laser pointer where everybody can see what you

13          are talking about then.

14   A.    This is a desk.  There's an open area, that's the

15          picture.  This is a cabinet, you can see how

16          closely it is positioned to the desk there.

17   Q.    Let me just stop you, is this something that you

18          earlier called a bookcase.

19   A.    This cabinet, I'm sorry, yes, I called it a

20          bookcase and that's actually, I guess, what it

21          is, a bookcase.

22   Q.    Just so that the jury understands, was this the

23          item from which the handcuffs and the leg irons

24          were seized a couple days earlier?

25   A.    Yes, sir.  It's easier to see now, with this

1 picture, the leg irons and handcuffs were located  
2 in this area here.

3 Q. Now, this particular photograph, you can see a  
4 pair of slippers, bedroom slippers next to it; is  
5 that right?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. You can see a electrical outlet or a socket; is  
8 that right?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Can you point to that, please. Were you asked,  
11 or at least as part of your responsibilities of  
12 searching the bedroom, were you asked to do a  
13 thorough search of this piece of furniture?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And did you do that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. In performing that search, Sergeant Colborn, did  
18 you move or manipulate this piece of furniture at  
19 all?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Can you describe that for the jury, please.

22 A. As I stated before, we were looking for specific  
23 printed or photographs. There is a narrow area  
24 between this bookcase and this desk, right there.  
25 And in order to make sure that there was no

1 evidence or anything else that we needed lodged  
2 between there, I actually tipped this to the side  
3 and twisted it away from the wall.

4 Q. If you can describe that further, I don't know if  
5 you can do it with your words, or show us with  
6 your hands, how you did it?

7 A. I will be the first to admit, I wasn't any too  
8 gentle, as we were, you know, getting  
9 exasperated. I handled it rather roughly,  
10 twisting it, shaking it, pulling it.

11 Q. And that's the bookcase that you are talking  
12 about?

13 A. Yes, this piece of furniture right here, a  
14 bookcase.

15 Q. I'm sorry. Sergeant, in shaking and twisting  
16 that particular bookcase, did you pull it away  
17 from the wall itself, that you can see behind  
18 there?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. After that process was complete, were the  
21 items -- The binder that we can see in the lower  
22 left hand corner of the bookcase; can you point  
23 to that, please. Was that, and the other items  
24 within that bookcase, removed and examined by  
25 yourself and your -- other members of your team?



1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Did you have occasion to replace those items into  
3 that bookcase after having pulled it from the  
4 wall?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. What was done with the bookcase after that  
7 thorough search of the -- of those materials was  
8 completed?

9 A. The items that we didn't use -- or collect as  
10 evidence, that binder and some of the other  
11 things there were kind of stuffed, rather  
12 forcefully, back in there. And other items that  
13 we were going to collect as evidence were -- we  
14 had so many that we didn't have a container in  
15 the room large enough to hold them all. So  
16 Lieutenant Lenk exited the bedroom to get a  
17 larger container and I began to search this desk  
18 here.

19 Q. By a larger container, what are you talking  
20 about?

21 A. A box.

22 Q. Now, at this time, that is, as the search was  
23 completed, what was done with that piece of  
24 furniture; what was done with the bookcase  
25 itself?

1 A. It was still kind of away from the wall, but it  
2 was more or less stuffed back into its original  
3 position.  
4 Q. The next exhibit, Exhibit No. 209, describe what  
5 that is, please.  
6 A. That's just a different photograph of the same  
7 bookcase.  
8 Q. I'm going to allow the jury to see that as well.  
9 Is this the photo that you are talking about  
10 of -- of the bookcase?  
11 A. Yes, sir.  
12 Q. The next exhibit, No. 210, can you describe what  
13 that is for us, please.  
14 A. 210 is a picture, a photograph of the -- Well,  
15 you can see that we have some materials there  
16 stuffed in a bag. Then there's the bedroom  
17 slippers. And now there is a key with a fob,  
18 lying between the bedroom slippers.  
19 Q. Sergeant Colborn, I'm going to direct your  
20 attention, then, to the large screen. I would  
21 like you to carefully take the laser pointer and  
22 describe for the jury what it is that we're  
23 looking at?  
24 A. These were some items that we had bagged up. I  
25 don't recall what that is. These were the same

1 bedroom slippers that were in the other  
2 photograph, but you can see that they have been  
3 jostled. That's the electrical outlet. And now  
4 there is a key and with this connecting canvas or  
5 nylon fob and a black plastic buckle, lying on  
6 the floor.

7 Q. The piece of furniture, that is, the bookcase  
8 that we see in Exhibit 210, has that been removed  
9 or replaced to its original position?

10 A. I can't say we have got it exactly 100 percent  
11 where it was, but it's very close to its original  
12 position, yes.

13 Q. So the jury understands the timing of these,  
14 Exhibit No. 208 shows the slippers right next to  
15 the outlet. And this exhibit, 210, shows the  
16 slippers pushed to what would be the left and  
17 actually a little bit closer to the photographer;  
18 is that fair?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Do you recognize this image, that is, did you see  
21 this image on the 8th of November?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Can you describe that moment, or that event, for  
24 the jury, please.

25 A. As I had mentioned earlier, Lieutenant Lenk had

1        exited -- That is the door coming into the  
2        bedroom; he had gone through that door to get a  
3        bigger container. I was searching the desk here.  
4        Deputy Kucharski was sitting on the bed, which  
5        also isn't in the photograph, but is in very  
6        close proximity to this piece of furniture, the  
7        bookcase, filling out paperwork.

8                Lieutenant Lenk got about right here,  
9        his feet would have been right here, so he was in  
10       the room, and said something to the effect of,  
11       there's a key on the floor here, or, look,  
12       there's a key. I don't know what his exact  
13       verbiage was but he identified that there was a  
14       key on the floor.

15               I turned around, as I wasn't very far  
16       away, I turned around and looked and I observed  
17       this key, lying right where it is. And I  
18       observed this key had this black rubberized or  
19       plastic end on it, which they didn't -- you know,  
20       that's a newer model car key, due to that plastic  
21       or rubberized end. And I also observed that  
22       embossed on there was a Toyota emblem.

23               And we told Deputy Kucharski, get a  
24       photograph of this, right away, which he did,  
25       which is this photograph. I did not take this

1 photograph.

2 Q. By the way, as you and Deputy Kucharski and  
3 Lieutenant Lenk observed this, did any of the  
4 three of you approach or touch this piece of  
5 evidence at that time?

6 A. I may have been standing in this area here, you  
7 know. This piece of furniture is only 2 and a  
8 half, 3 feet tall, maybe. So I could easily see  
9 over it to see the key.

10 I did not approach the key. Lieutenant  
11 Lenk did not come into the room. Deputy  
12 Kucharski photographed the key from, you know,  
13 from whatever angle this picture was taken at.  
14 That's as close as we got.

15 Q. My question, again, was, did either yourself,  
16 Lieutenant Lenk, or Deputy Kucharski, prior to  
17 this photo was taken, touch that key?

18 A. No, sir.

19 Q. Why not?

20 A. I think all three of us knew at the same time  
21 that there was a very good chance, seeing a  
22 Toyota emblem embossed on that key, knowing that  
23 Teresa Halbach's vehicle was a Toyota, that this  
24 was a very important piece of evidence. And, you  
25 know, none of us were going to taint that.

1 Q. Let me ask you, Sergeant Colborn, you guys -- you  
2 specifically, Lieutenant Lenk, and now Deputy  
3 Kucharski, had been in this room for quite some  
4 time before this key appears in this position;  
5 isn't that right?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Did this surprise you, that you saw this key  
8 there?

9 A. Yes, I was very surprised.

10 Q. Did the three of you talk about that, we hadn't  
11 seen it before, anything like that?

12 A. I -- I believe I said to myself, damn, how did I  
13 miss that.

14 Q. Now, other than the bedroom slippers being pushed  
15 to the side, had anything else changed, other  
16 than the pulling out and the twisting and the  
17 jostling of the cabinet?

18 A. As we looked at the cabinet, it appeared that in  
19 the process of us stuffing everything back into  
20 the cabinet, we had separated the back of the  
21 cabinet, the small piece of paneling that would  
22 be the back of the cabinet, from the frame of the  
23 cabinet itself.

24 Q. Let me stop you there. Did you have occasion,  
25 then, to go look at the back of this piece of

1 furniture, the back of the cabinet, after this  
2 key was processed?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I know I'm jumping ahead just a little bit, but  
5 could you describe what you saw; could you  
6 describe the back panel of the cabinet?

7 A. It would be made out of a -- I'm trying to think  
8 of the right word, like a piece of wood, the same  
9 thickness maybe as a piece of paneling that one  
10 would put on a wall. You know, it's a thin piece  
11 of wood, it's not -- it's not like it's a quarter  
12 inch piece of plywood nailed to the back of the  
13 cabinet. It's a thin piece of wood.

14 The piece of furniture itself is old and  
15 not in the best state of repair. And I believe  
16 it was just very small, short brads or nails that  
17 held the piece of paneling or the piece of wood  
18 to the back of the cabinet. And I'm sure that  
19 when we were putting things in we exercised more  
20 than enough force to push it away. And there was  
21 a gap now between the back of the -- the piece of  
22 paneling on the back of the cabinet and the frame  
23 of the cabinet itself.

24 Q. I'm going to show you an exhibit that's been  
25 received as Exhibit No. 169; although taken on a



1 different day, we're all in agreement about that,  
2 does Exhibit 169 look the same as when you  
3 witnessed the back of this cabinet on the 8th of  
4 November?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. What was done with the key, if you remember?

7 A. Initially, it was photographed and Lieutenant  
8 Lenk and I both -- when I say told, it was not  
9 like we were ordering him, but we just  
10 communicated to Deputy Kucharski that he needed  
11 to make sure he put on a fresh set of gloves;  
12 pick up that key, put it in a separate container,  
13 totally by itself; and we needed to contact the  
14 Command Post right away and let them know that we  
15 had located a key that could possibly be a key to  
16 Teresa's vehicle.

17 Q. Did somebody from the Command Post come to your  
18 location then?

19 A. Two people from the Command Post came to our  
20 location. Special Agent Fassbender and  
21 Investigator Wiegert.

22 Q. Were you present when the lead investigators were  
23 shown this key that was discovered?

24 A. Yes. We packaged the key and we went into the  
25 living room and that's where we remained until

1 the two investigators came and looked at the key.

2 ATTORNEY KRATZ: What exhibit number is

3 next, Madam Clerk?

4 THE CLERK: 211.

5 Q. (By Attorney Kratz)~ Sergeant Colborn --

6 ATTORNEY KRATZ: And, Judge, the record

7 should reflect that the evidence bag is being opened

8 with the assistance of Investigator Wiegert.

9 Q. (By Attorney Kratz)~ But Sergeant Colborn, you

10 are going to be shown the contents of what is

11 being marked as Exhibit No. 211.

12 (Exhibit No. 211 marked for identification.)

13 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Deputy Wiegert, if you

14 would be so kind as to show it to this witness.

15 Q. (By Attorney Kratz)~ Sergeant Colborn, please

16 don't -- don't touch this exhibit. But an

17 exhibit that has now been marked for

18 identification as Exhibit 211 is being shown to

19 you.

20 ATTORNEY KRATZ: If you stand to the side a

21 little bit, Investigator Wiegert, I would appreciate

22 it.

23 Q. (By Attorney Kratz)~ Tell the jury what that is,

24 please.

25 A. That appears to be the exact same key as pictured

1 right there on that photograph. It's a long key,  
2 with a black plastic end, with a Toyota emblem on  
3 the end of it. And that same nylon, actually, I  
4 think corresponds to something that someone would  
5 wear around their neck and clip to the other  
6 plastic end.

7 ATTORNEY KRATZ: With permission, Judge,  
8 may Investigator Wiegert post it or at least show  
9 the jurors?

10 THE COURT: Any objection?

11 ATTORNEY STRANG: Nope.

12 THE COURT: Yes, you may do so.

13 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Hold it up by one end,  
14 Investigator, and show the jurors, please.

15 THE COURT: The record should probably also  
16 reflect he's wearing rubber gloves at this time, or  
17 unless you can describe them more accurately.

18 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Latex gloves. And  
19 although Mr. Kucharski will be testifying as well,  
20 Judge, I don't believe there is any contest as to --  
21 as to this exhibit and I will move its admission at  
22 this time.

23 THE COURT: Any objection?

24 ATTORNEY STRANG: Well, there's plenty of  
25 contest as to that exhibit, but not as to it having

1           been authenticated and identified. And I don't have  
2           any objection to it being received.

3                     ATTORNEY KRATZ: Thank you.

4                     THE COURT: All right. The exhibit will be  
5           received.

6                     ATTORNEY KRATZ: Thank you.

7   Q.    (By Attorney Kratz)~ After Special Agent  
8           Fassbender and Investigator Wiegert were shown  
9           that key, do you know what happened to that key?  
10  A.    Just -- excuse me, we decided, between the three  
11           of us, just to wait in the living room. Special  
12           Agent Fassbender and Investigator Wiegert said  
13           that another law enforcement officer would be  
14           coming down to take possession of the key.

15                     So we all three just waited until he got  
16           there. We turned the key over and I believe we  
17           were told that it would be going to Madison, to  
18           the Crime Lab, where Teresa's vehicle already  
19           was.

20  Q.    Sergeant Colborn, after this search, after this  
21           thorough search of Mr. Avery's residence was  
22           completed, were you asked to perform a similar  
23           thorough search of somebody else's residence that  
24           day?

25  A.    Yes, I believe it was Charles Avery's residence.

1 Q. And was that search performed by the same team;  
2 that is, yourself, Lieutenant Lenk and Deputy  
3 Kucharski from Calumet County?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Sergeant Colborn, we have heard some references  
6 this week, and even last, to your involvement in  
7 this case. And now that you are here, now that  
8 you are in court, I have some questions regarding  
9 your knowledge of Mr. Avery.

10 First of all, prior to November of 2005,  
11 had you been involved at all in the  
12 investigation, testifying against, or prosecution  
13 of Steven Avery in any previous criminal  
14 proceedings?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. Had you ever been personally named in any civil  
17 lawsuits, or ever personally been accused of any  
18 wrongdoing regarding Mr. Steven Avery?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. You were asked, as I understand, as part of a  
21 civil lawsuit, to provide what's called a  
22 deposition, to be questioned by some lawyers; is  
23 that right?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Do you recall when that occurred?

1 A. I believe it was in October of 2005.

2 Q. Do you remember how long that deposition, how  
3 long that -- that process took?

4 A. I thought it was less than an hour, but an hour  
5 or less.

6 Q. All right. You were asked some questions, is  
7 that right, under oath?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Did you answer those questions to the best of  
10 your knowledge and ability?

11 A. Yes, I did.

12 Q. Do you recall the context in which you were asked  
13 those questions; in other words, do you recall  
14 what you were asked about?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Can you tell the jury what you were asked about?

17 A. In 1994 or '95 I had received a telephone call  
18 when I was working as my capacity as a  
19 corrections officer in the Manitowoc County Jail.  
20 Telephone call was from somebody who identified  
21 himself as a detective. And I answered the  
22 phone, Manitowoc County Jail, Officer Colborn.

23 Apparently this person's assumption was  
24 that I was a police officer, not a corrections  
25 officer, and began telling me that he had

1 received information that somebody who had  
2 committed an assault, in Manitowoc County, was in  
3 their custody, and we may have somebody in our  
4 jail, on that assault charge, that may not have  
5 done it.

6 I told this individual, you are probably  
7 going to want to speak to a detective, and I  
8 transferred the call to a detective, to the  
9 Detective Division, at the Manitowoc County  
10 Sheriff's Department. That's the extent of my  
11 testimony.

12 Q. That's it? That's your connection to Mr. Avery?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Well, did that cause you enough embarrassment and  
15 enough angst in which to set up Mr. Avery for a  
16 charge of murder?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Did that deposition cause you such problems from  
19 within your department that you obtained and  
20 planted blood, so that it would be found and  
21 Mr. Avery would be wrongfully accused of a  
22 homicide case?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. Have you ever planted any evidence against  
25 Mr. Avery?



1 A. That's ridiculous, no, I have not.

2 Q. Have you ever planted any evidence against  
3 anybody in the course of your law enforcement  
4 career?

5 A. I have to say that this is the first time my  
6 integrity has ever been questioned and, no, I  
7 have not.

8 ATTORNEY KRATZ: That's all I have for  
9 Sergeant Colborn, Judge.

10 THE COURT: Mr. Strang.

11 CROSS-EXAMINATION

12 BY ATTORNEY STRANG:

13 Q. This is the first time your integrity has been  
14 questioned?

15 A. As it applies to being a police officer, yes.

16 Q. Okay. And it's not the first time Mr. Avery's  
17 has been, so I have some questions for you. You  
18 were, in November of 2005, in the Road Patrol  
19 Division of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's  
20 Department?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. You were a sergeant in that division?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Were there other sergeants in that division?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. How many?

2 A. There's one lieutenant and two sergeants assigned

3 per shift; there's three shifts. We're looking

4 at six sergeants, three lieutenants.

5 Q. Your shift particularly was noon to 8:00 p.m.?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. That made you the assistant shift commander as

8 opposed to the other sergeant?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And the shift commander, himself, when the

11 lieutenant had a day off?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. The Road Patrol Division does exactly that, it

14 patrols the roads of Manitowoc County?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Typically in marked squad cars?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Speeding and other traffic law enforcement?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Calls for help from citizens, a variety of calls?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. You might be the first to respond to a domestic

23 violence call, let's say?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. You might respond to a flat tire on the side of

1 the road?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. This division, during the noon to 8:00 shift,

4 back in, let's say, November, 2005, had

5 approximately how many officers out on the road

6 during that noon to 8:00 shift?

7 A. Well, I believe that par -- four or five officers

8 counting the shift commander.

9 Q. Roughly?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. I understand. And the shift commander had some

12 administrative duties, but also had some road

13 patrol duties?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Collection of evidence was not typically a duty

16 of the Road Patrol Division?

17 A. Yes, it is.

18 Q. That is, some members of the Road Patrol Division

19 may be trained in the collection of evidence,

20 correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Just as some members of the other divisions of

23 the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department may

24 have special training as evidence technicians or

25 in evidence collection?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. The Sheriff's Department includes as one of its

3 divisions, or bureaus, units, if you will, an

4 Investigative Unit?

5 A. Yes, sir. To make it easier, both patrol and

6 investigations are assigned to the Operations

7 Division of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's

8 Department.

9 Q. Very well. Thank you. But they are separate

10 units within the operations division?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. You had been trained in evidence collection as a

13 technician?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. That went back to, I think, 1997?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. That was something for which you volunteered?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You were accepted or someone accepted your offer

20 and you got some special training?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. One of the people from whom you got that special

23 training is seated right over there, second to my

24 right in the back, true?

25 A. Evidence tech training?

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Didn't get that kind of training from Special

4 Agent Fassbender?

5 A. No, I did not.

6 Q. What training did you get from Special Agent

7 Fassbender? I'm talking about well before

8 November, 2005 now.

9 A. Special Agent Fassbender was my DAT, which is

10 defense and arrest tactics, instructor during the

11 recruit academy at Fox Valley Tech.

12 Q. All right. Having nothing directly to do with

13 evidence collection?

14 A. That's correct, sir.

15 Q. But you went through a recruit academy?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. As do all police recruits or candidate officers?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. How long did that academy last?

20 A. It was 400 hours when I went through the academy.

21 Ten weeks, roughly.

22 Q. Roughly 10 weeks full-time?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. All right. We'll come back to that a little bit

25 later in a different context. Did you have any

1 training as an evidence technician from  
2 Lieutenant James Lenk?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. He, you know, to be a lieutenant in charge of the  
5 Detective Unit within the Operations Division?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Are there more than one lieutenant in the  
8 Detective Unit?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. So he's the chief detective, in fact, of  
11 Manitowoc County?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Within the Sheriff's Department. He was involved  
14 in training you as an evidence technician?

15 A. I am not exactly sure how to answer that without  
16 elaborating somewhat.

17 Q. Well, let's start with a yes or a no.

18 A. Yes, he has given me training material during the  
19 course of my career.

20 Q. Okay. And has he given you anything more formal  
21 than that; in other words, I'm going to let you  
22 elaborate here, but we'll do this in a question  
23 and answer format.

24 A. Lieutenant Lenk personally hasn't trained me on  
25 any specific issue. We would have semi-annual,

1 or sometimes quarterly meetings, of all the  
2 evidence techs, where Lieutenant Lenk might  
3 present some new information or somebody who had  
4 recently gone to training might present some new  
5 information. But Lieutenant Lenk never took me  
6 one-on-one and trained me in any sort of specific  
7 application of being an evidence technician.

8 Q. But you have sort of in house, in service,  
9 programs --

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. -- if you will? Sharing information on new  
12 techniques or new teaching?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Sometimes that comes from Lieutenant Lenk?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Other times he may simply be involved in  
17 overseeing the meeting?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. You have known Lieutenant Lenk, personally, how  
20 long?

21 A. Since 1996, so 10, 11 years.

22 Q. Was it '96 that you actually became a sworn  
23 officer?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And if I understood you, the period as a



1 corrections officer in the Manitowoc County Jail  
2 was '92 to '94?  
3 A. '92 to '96.  
4 Q. I'm sorry, then I misunderstood you. You went  
5 directly from the jail to the recruit academy and  
6 then as a sworn officer?  
7 A. Yes, sir.  
8 Q. It was 1996, then, when you joined the department  
9 as a sworn officer, that you met the man who is  
10 now Lieutenant Lenk?  
11 A. Yes, sir.  
12 Q. He, at that time, was also in the road unit or  
13 the Road Patrol Unit?  
14 A. Yes, sir.  
15 Q. You became friendly with Lieutenant Lenk?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. Let's call him James Lenk and not worry about his  
18 rank, at any given time, all right. Do you call  
19 him Jim?  
20 A. Yes, I do.  
21 Q. You worked closely with him for several years?  
22 A. Yes. I have worked with him several times, yes.  
23 Q. He is one of the people on the department to whom  
24 you feel personally close?  
25 A. We don't do anything together socially, but I

1           feel he is an experienced officer and if I have a  
2           investigative type question, I feel comfortable  
3           talking with him about it.

4   Q.   All right. And the time came in 2005 or 2006  
5           when you decided that you aspired to some rank  
6           higher than sergeant within the department, true?

7   A.   I'm sorry, could you repeat.

8   Q.   The time came in 2005, or perhaps in 2006, I  
9           don't know when, but at some point, certainly  
10          before the elections in 2006, you began to aspire  
11          to a rank higher than sergeant in your  
12          department?

13  A.   Yes.

14  Q.   You decided to run for sheriff?

15  A.   That's correct.

16  Q.   Of Manitowoc County?

17  A.   That is correct.

18  Q.   Another officer, within the department, at the  
19          same time, also was running for sheriff in the  
20          same 2006 election?

21  A.   Yes.

22  Q.   That created a situation in which two officers  
23          from the same department were running against  
24          each other?

25  A.   Yes.

1 Q. There was some tension, at least, in that  
2 situation?  
3 A. Are you talking about in 2006, last summer?  
4 Q. Well, whenever the campaign began to heat up.  
5 A. I don't really think the campaign ever got  
6 heated, but I didn't really feel any tension.  
7 Q. Okay. But, one of the things you both were  
8 interested in doing, and the other gentleman is a  
9 man named Robert Hermann, correct?  
10 A. Yes.  
11 Q. The brother of Todd Hermann?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. One of the things that you and Robert Hermann  
14 both did was sort of see who would support you  
15 and who might support the other fellow in the  
16 race for sheriff?  
17 A. No.  
18 Q. Weren't interested who was on your side?  
19 A. No, I wasn't.  
20 Q. Do you know whether Lieutenant Lenk was on your  
21 side?  
22 A. I have no idea how Lieutenant Lenk voted during  
23 the sheriff's campaign. I would hope that he  
24 supported me, but it wouldn't change my feeling  
25 one iota if he didn't.

1 Q. I understand that. But how long was it between  
2 the time you declared your candidacy publicly and  
3 the time of the election?  
4 A. I thought we had to have our nomination papers  
5 filed in May of 2006 and the election was in  
6 November of 2006.  
7 Q. Okay. So let's call it five, six months,  
8 roughly. I'm just trying to get a rough time  
9 frame here, okay. Lieutenant Lenk's working  
10 hours, you know, to overlap in part with your  
11 own, on the days you are both at work?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. That is, he would typically work something like  
14 an 8 to 5 kind of shift?  
15 A. I'm not sure what his duty hours are, but  
16 somewhere in that time frame.  
17 Q. In other words, in the afternoon, you two would  
18 be on duty at the same time?  
19 A. Yes, sir.  
20 Q. And in all that time, he never approached you and  
21 gave you an attaboy, or told you he was in his  
22 corner -- in your corner, or that he couldn't be,  
23 nothing?  
24 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Judge, I'm going to object  
25 as irrelevant. Is this sometime after November of

1 2005?

2 ATTORNEY STRANG: It is.

3 ATTORNEY KRATZ: I can't see the relevance,  
4 then, to what happened at the Avery salvage  
5 property; I will interpose that objection then.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Strang.

7 ATTORNEY STRANG: Well, I'm happy to be  
8 heard out of the presence, if the Court wishes that.

9 THE COURT: All right. I think what I will  
10 do at this time is excuse the jury for a few  
11 minutes.

12 ATTORNEY STRANG: We can excuse the witness  
13 as well.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Colborn, you are excused as  
15 well.

16 (Jury not present.)

17 (Witness not present.)

18 THE COURT: Mr. Strang.

19 ATTORNEY STRANG: This isn't a long line of  
20 inquiry, your Honor, but clearly this is relevant to  
21 Sergeant Colborn's bias or potential for bias here.  
22 Lieutenant Lenk was his partner through several days  
23 of searching. Consistently, as the testimony has  
24 shown, they were paired together, usually with  
25 Detective Remiker as well.

1                   Together they were deposed, within 48  
2                   hours, in Steven Avery's lawsuit. I expect to  
3                   elicit testimony that they discussed their  
4                   depositions. Now, together, it is the two of  
5                   them who, in Sergeant Colborn's words, had their  
6                   integrity questioned.

7                   Whether these two stood together and had  
8                   each other's back during a race for a higher  
9                   office that well could have been affected by the  
10                  lawsuit that Steven Avery had filed, by further  
11                  developments in that lawsuit, I think is directly  
12                  relevant to this witness' credibility and bias.

13                 THE COURT: Mr. Kratz.

14                 ATTORNEY KRATZ: We're talking about two  
15                 different things, Judge. Testimonial bias, which  
16                 would be today, and is this witness prepared to  
17                 shade his testimony to the benefit that perhaps of  
18                 Lieutenant Lenk or somebody like that, Mr. Strang's  
19                 area of inquiry is appropriate, if in fact the Court  
20                 finds that to be relevant.

21                 However, what Mr. Strang is really  
22                 talking about is having each other's back, or  
23                 motive, or being in partnership, for lack of a  
24                 better term, in planting evidence or being  
25                 involved in criminal behavior and activity. Then

1           that only becomes relevant if they had this  
2           connection, if they had this friendship or this  
3           bond, before November of 2005.

4                       So, if that is in fact the dual purpose  
5           of this, then I would ask Mr. Strang to confine  
6           his bias inquiry, at least as it regards  
7           Lieutenant Lenk and the election, and to that  
8           which might affect his testimony today; it would  
9           have no relevance as to what occurred in November  
10          of 2005.

11                      THE COURT: How do you propose that that be  
12          conveyed to the jury, what the purpose of his  
13          questioning is?

14                      ATTORNEY KRATZ: Well, as asked, then,  
15          Judge, it is -- it is irrelevant and should be  
16          inadmissible. If we direct it more towards  
17          testimonial, that is, if he wants to get into, would  
18          you do something to help your buddy, Jim Lenk,  
19          today, in testifying, I think that's -- that that's  
20          appropriate, but that should be made clear.

21                      And if we're getting into more than  
22          that, that is, as Mr. Strang, using his words, I  
23          have your back, if we're talking about back in  
24          November of 2005, their previous friendship may,  
25          in fact, be relevant and all those kind of



1 things, but not what happened in the 2006  
2 election.

3 ATTORNEY STRANG: Let's bring us back to  
4 the actual line of questioning, because I don't know  
5 that we need to slice the salami that thin. What  
6 I'm doing now is simply following up on and  
7 exploring his claim that he has no idea whether Jim  
8 Lenk supported him or not for sheriff. He hopes he  
9 did, but if Mr. Lenk did not vote for him, it  
10 wouldn't affect, by one iota, his view of Mr. Lenk.

11 And I'm following that up, since he's  
12 already acknowledged that he thinks well of Mr.  
13 Lenk and has worked with him and known him since  
14 1996. I'm also going to ask him when it is that  
15 becoming sheriff popped into his head, since  
16 presumably that was some -- some day before the  
17 day in May, 2006, when he had to file his  
18 candidacy papers. And that's really,  
19 essentially, all the farther I'm going with this.

20 THE COURT: All right. It seems to me of  
21 marginal probative value, but if you are telling me  
22 you are almost done, I will let you ask a few more  
23 questions and then move on. All right. We can  
24 bring the jurors back. And then if the  
25 Victim/Witness Coordinator is here, she can bring

1 Mr. Colborn in.  
2 (Jury present.)  
3 THE COURT: You may be seated. And  
4 Mr. Strang, you may resume your questioning.  
5 ATTORNEY STRANG: Thank you.  
6 Q. (By Attorney Strang)~ So the question was,  
7 Sergeant Colborn, in the months leading up to  
8 this election, are you telling this jury that  
9 there wasn't any time when Lieutenant Lenk  
10 approached you and told you either that he was in  
11 your corner or couldn't support you, for sure?  
12 A. No, I'm not saying that.  
13 Q. Well, what did he tell you about whether he was  
14 supporting you?  
15 A. We did not have -- I tried my hardest not to have  
16 any discussions about the election at work  
17 because I didn't want it to distract from work.  
18 Privately, Lieutenant Lenk gave me every  
19 indication that he was supporting me.  
20 Q. Privately, you took him to be in your corner?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. You may want to get just a little bit closer to  
23 the mike, the mike is sort of touchy. When was  
24 it that you began to think seriously about  
25 running for sheriff, yourself?

1 A. January or February of 2006.

2 Q. Had the idea occurred to you back in 2005?

3 A. I can't recall, specifically. I may have thought

4 about it, but ...

5 Q. But at least by January or February, 2006, you

6 had a building sense that, maybe I could do the

7 top job in this department?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Maybe I could do some things a little bit

10 differently than I see them being done?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Maybe I could bring something important to the

13 job of sheriff and serve the citizens of

14 Manitowoc County?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. By May that idea had become strong enough to

17 cause you to go through all the steps necessary

18 to declare a candidacy?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. You had not run for an elected office before?

21 A. Actually, yes, I had.

22 Q. Okay. At a countywide level?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. All right. So at least that process you were

25 familiar with and willing to undergo again?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Knocking on doors, speaking at Lion's Club

3 dinners, that kind of thing?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Now, it was, I think, October 13, 2005, in

6 specific, in which your deposition was taken in

7 Mr. Avery's lawsuit?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Was this the first time you had ever had your

10 deposition taken?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. New experience for you?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You were not so much asked to attend a deposition

15 as you were the recipient of a subpoena to do so?

16 A. I believe so, yes, sir.

17 Q. That deposition process involved being sworn,

18 same oath you took today, essentially?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. But in a conference room or library of a lawyer's

21 office?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. You were questioned by Mr. Avery's lawyers at

24 that deposition?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. You sat across the table from Mr. Avery, himself,  
2 that day, October 13, 2005?  
3 A. I know Mr. Avery was in the room, I don't -- no,  
4 it wasn't like I was directly across from him.  
5 Q. No.  
6 A. He was down at the end of the table.  
7 Q. Yeah, and I didn't mean directly across, but the  
8 two of you shared this conference room and the  
9 table?  
10 A. Yes, sir.  
11 Q. Along with other people?  
12 A. Yes, sir.  
13 Q. Court reporter?  
14 A. Yes, sir.  
15 Q. Various lawyers?  
16 A. Yes, sir.  
17 Q. Some of the questions concerned a telephone call  
18 that you had taken?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. You understood the call, which today you can  
21 place only as 1994 or 1995?  
22 A. That's correct, sir.  
23 Q. You understood the call to be coming from someone  
24 who was a detective?  
25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Detective with a law enforcement agency?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. In an adjoining or nearby county?  
4 A. I believe so, yes, sir.  
5 Q. You don't remember the details today?  
6 A. No, I don't, sir.  
7 Q. And, indeed, on October 13, 2005, you didn't  
8 remember many of the details either?  
9 A. No, sir.  
10 Q. But the gist of it was, we have got somebody here  
11 in custody who we think maybe did an assault in  
12 Manitowoc County, that was part of it?  
13 A. Yes, sir.  
14 Q. And we further think that you may have someone in  
15 jail for the assault?  
16 A. That was the gist of the phone conversation, yes.  
17 Q. Right. And I understand you don't remember the  
18 exact words, but that was the gist?  
19 A. Yes, sir.  
20 Q. Now, as a corrections officer in the jail, this  
21 was not directly your responsibility?  
22 A. No, sir.  
23 Q. You passed, or tried to pass the call, to the  
24 Detective Unit?  
25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. But you understood that you were being told, by a  
2 law enforcement officer, that Manitowoc County  
3 may have someone locked up, who didn't commit the  
4 crime for which he was imprisoned; that much you  
5 understood?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Was that a matter to shrug off for you?

8 A. I didn't shrug it off, sir. I did what the  
9 caller asked me to do, connect him to a  
10 detective.

11 Q. I think, actually, you suggested that perhaps the  
12 caller should talk to a detective?

13 A. No, he specifically asked for a detective.

14 Q. How he happened to call the jail and get to you,  
15 you have no idea?

16 A. No, I don't, sir.

17 Q. Lieutenant Lenk, you were aware, also was  
18 deposed, had his deposition taken, in this same  
19 lawsuit?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. This was a federal lawsuit?

22 A. I don't even know enough about it to know whose  
23 jurisdiction it was.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. I know there was a lawsuit.



1 Q. All right. Do you know if it was down in  
2 Milwaukee?  
3 A. The deposition? My deposition?  
4 Q. Or the lawsuit, either one?  
5 A. My deposition was in the City of Manitowoc. I  
6 don't know where the lawsuit -- I don't know.  
7 Q. Fair enough. But you did -- you did have an  
8 opportunity to talk to Lieutenant Lenk about the  
9 fact that he, too, was having his deposition  
10 taken?  
11 A. I don't recall discussing the deposition portion  
12 of it with Lieutenant Lenk.  
13 Q. What did you discuss, about the civil lawsuit,  
14 with Lieutenant Lenk?  
15 THE COURT: Excuse me, Counsel, are you  
16 referring to some time before the deposition or  
17 after?  
18 Q. I'm referring to the time immediately before the  
19 deposition, after you would have gotten your  
20 subpoena.  
21 A. Okay. Yes, I knew that Lieutenant Lenk had a  
22 subpoena for the same deposition that I did, yes.  
23 Q. Okay. And I'm not interested in the content of  
24 your conversation, which probably would be  
25 hearsay, but the two of you established that one

1 another had subpoenas for depositions in that  
2 lawsuit?  
3 A. Yes, sir.  
4 Q. And, again, without going into the content,  
5 aft -- shortly after your depositions were taken,  
6 the two of you talked about the fact that your  
7 depositions had been taken?  
8 A. Not really, not beyond the fact of, you know, did  
9 you go on the day that you were supposed to, yes,  
10 and that was pretty much it.  
11 Q. Okay. Fair enough. Did you have any concern  
12 that you would be added as a defendant in that  
13 lawsuit?  
14 A. I don't know if concern is the correct word, I  
15 know I expressed that I didn't have any knowledge  
16 of that case. I wasn't a Manitowoc County  
17 resident at that time.  
18 Q. My question, though, was whether you had concern,  
19 the thought crossed your mind, that you might be  
20 added as a defendant in that civil lawsuit?  
21 A. Yes, the thought crossed my mind that I might be  
22 added as the defendant.  
23 Q. You had never been the defendant in a lawsuit  
24 before?  
25 A. Not that I recall, no.

1 Q. Do you think you would recall?

2 A. I would think, but ...

3 Q. This isn't something you were relishing?

4 A. No.

5 Q. How do you think having been a defendant in  
6 Mr. Avery's lawsuit, for his wrongful conviction,  
7 would have affected your prospects in the race  
8 for sheriff?

9 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Objection, speculation.

10 Q. (By Attorney Strang)~ Did you consider that?

11 THE COURT: Just a second. I'm going to  
12 sustain the objection.

13 Q. (By Attorney Strang)~ Did you consider the  
14 prospect of an effect on your race for sheriff,  
15 if you were added to that lawsuit?

16 A. No, I didn't, sir.

17 Q. I would like to shift off the lawsuit and talk to  
18 you about reports, police reports, for a little  
19 bit. And I promised you we were going to get  
20 back to the recruit academy, and we will.

21 Reports are something that police  
22 officers, and by that I mean broadly; sheriff's  
23 deputies, municipal police officers, special  
24 agents of the Division of Criminal Investigation,  
25 just law enforcement officers generally. All

1 right. Reports are something that is common to  
2 the work of policemen?

3 A. Is that a question?

4 Q. It is.

5 A. Yes, reports are common to policing.

6 Q. That is one of the things you learned to do in  
7 the recruit academy, was to prepare a report?

8 A. That's correct, sir.

9 Q. It is a regular routine, in policing, to prepare  
10 reports of your activities, as they bear on a  
11 criminal investigation?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. You were taught in the academy the basics of how  
14 to prepare such a report?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Reports have several purposes, I guess, one would  
17 be to assure accurate collection of facts; that  
18 would be one purpose of a police report?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Another purpose would be to set down, on paper,  
21 your memories before they begin to fade?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. A third purpose would be to allow others in the  
24 department to benefit from knowing what facts you  
25 had learned or steps you had taken in an

1 investigation?

2 A. That I don't -- that I don't know. Sometimes

3 reports are confidential and no other officers

4 view them.

5 Q. Sometimes, but let expands on that. In any sort

6 of a larger jurisdiction, let's use Manitowoc

7 County, the sheriff's department, policing is a

8 24 hour a day business?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. 365 days a year?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. That is, there may be very small towns that have

13 only a part-time police officer, constable,

14 police department, correct?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. But with the Manitowoc County Sheriff's

17 Department, it's around the clock, 24/7, 365 days

18 a year?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Obviously, no single officer can work 24 hours,

21 seven days a week, so you divide the day into

22 shifts.

23 A. That's correct, sir.

24 Q. A criminal investigation that happens to begin on

25 one shift, may be carried over on another?

1 A. Yes, that's possible.

2 Q. Officers who actually don't work the same shift,  
3 may be working on the same investigation?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Witnesses may have to be interviewed and their  
6 working hours may require officers who work on  
7 the late shift, or the overnight shift, to  
8 conduct the interviews?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. So by preparing reports, officers on one shift  
11 can share their information with officers on the  
12 other shifts?

13 A. Absolutely.

14 Q. And in this sense, there is a collective benefit  
15 that allows the department to continue its  
16 criminal investigative duties, around the clock?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Yet another purpose of police reports is to  
19 report upward, to supervisors, what it is you are  
20 doing?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Reports typically are reviewed by supervisors?

23 A. Yes, they are.

24 Q. For accuracy?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. For thoroughness?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. For completeness?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Preparing reports is something that a thorough

6 police officer does?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Preparing reports is something that a police

9 officer should do in a timely fashion, true?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Because, again, one of the first purposes is to

12 get the facts down on paper accurately while they

13 are fresh in your mind?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And preparing reports in a timely and thorough

16 way is something that a fair police officer does,

17 isn't it?

18 A. I would imagine, yes, sir.

19 Q. That is, you want the report to be objective?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Accurate in the sense of fair and factually

22 correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Not tilted or biased in any fashion?

25 A. Correct.



1 Q. The idea is to lay out the facts and see where  
2 they lead?  
3 A. Yes, sir.  
4 Q. You prepare reports, then, and as they go up the  
5 stream, for a supervisors review, the supervisor  
6 typically will sign off or indicate approval in  
7 some fashion?  
8 A. Yes, sir.  
9 Q. Or may send the report back for further work?  
10 A. Yes, sir.  
11 Q. You are a supervisor, yourself, in the Road  
12 Patrol Unit?  
13 A. Yes, sir.  
14 Q. You fill this function. That's one of your  
15 administrative duties, is to review reports  
16 prepared by deputies under you, in the Road  
17 Patrol Unit?  
18 A. Yes, sir.  
19 Q. You encourage them to file timely reports?  
20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. Thorough reports?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. And fair reports?  
24 A. Yes, sir.  
25 Q. The reports, you know, after now 10, going on 11

1           years as a sworn law enforcement officer, then  
2           sometimes will go further, to a prosecutor?  
3   A.   Yes, sir.  
4   Q.   Prosecutors rely on those police reports in  
5           making charging decisions?  
6   A.   Yes, sir.  
7   Q.   If they elect to charge a case, you know as well,  
8           in your criminal justice system, that the  
9           reports, then, go to the defense, once a case has  
10          been charged in court?  
11   A.   Yes, sir.  
12   Q.   The defense lawyers then rely on the thoroughness  
13          of those reports?  
14   A.   Yes, sir.  
15   Q.   The accuracy of those reports?  
16   A.   Yes, sir.  
17   Q.   The timeliness of those reports?  
18   A.   Yes, sir.  
19   Q.   And at a very practical level, if later, you, as  
20          the officer involved in some activity, have  
21          forgotten exactly what happened, you can turn  
22          back to your report?  
23   A.   Yes.  
24   Q.   Use it to refresh your recollection?  
25   A.   Yes, sir.

1 Q. Sometimes use the report of other officers to  
2 refresh your recollection?  
3 A. Yes, sir.  
4 Q. Which, again, is you relying on the accuracy and  
5 the thoroughness and the timeliness of reports by  
6 other officers?  
7 A. Yes, sir.  
8 Q. And if you were to change your explanation of  
9 what happened, either the prosecution or the  
10 defense might use the report to show that you had  
11 said something different in the report?  
12 A. Yes, sir.  
13 Q. If you don't prepare a report, then you haven't  
14 committed anything to paper, correct?  
15 A. Correct.  
16 Q. And someone who doesn't commit anything to paper,  
17 then, can't be pinned down on the details as  
18 would someone who had put the details on paper?  
19 A. Okay. I mean, that makes sense.  
20 Q. Makes sense to you?  
21 A. Mm-hmm.  
22 Q. Now, let's go to this investigation, the  
23 activities concerning this investigation, are you  
24 with me?  
25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. November 3, 2005, when you learned from  
2 Mr. Wiegert that Teresa Halbach was missing, was  
3 just about exactly, to the day, three weeks after  
4 your deposition in Steven Avery's lawsuit?  
5 A. Yes, sir.  
6 Q. You were the shift commander that day, as we have  
7 established?  
8 A. Yes, sir.  
9 Q. You learned about Ms Halbach being missing at  
10 about what time?  
11 A. Somewhere between 6:30 and 7:30.  
12 Q. You were scheduled to get off shift at eight?  
13 A. Yes, sir.  
14 Q. Nearing the end of your day?  
15 A. Yes, sir.  
16 Q. As shift commander, you could have assigned  
17 anyone in road patrol to go out to the address on  
18 Avery Road?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. You chose to do it yourself?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. Did you go alone?  
23 A. Yes, I did.  
24 Q. At that time, all you knew is that this address  
25 on Avery Road was one of the appointments that Ms

1 Halbach evidently had the day she was last seen  
2 by family or friends?  
3 A. Yes, sir.  
4 Q. You happened to meet Steve Avery -- or not meet  
5 him for the first time, but run into him, so to  
6 speak, when you went out there that evening?  
7 A. Yes, sir.  
8 Q. You talked with him?  
9 A. Yes, I did.  
10 Q. He was very cordial?  
11 A. Yes, he was.  
12 Q. And as you followed through, you saw events  
13 unfold, eventually it was Steven Avery who was  
14 charged with killing Teresa Halbach?  
15 A. Yes, sir.  
16 Q. That came a week, roughly, after your first  
17 conversation with him on Thursday, November 3rd?  
18 A. Yes, sir.  
19 Q. Mr. Avery then was charged with the most serious  
20 crime someone can commit in this state?  
21 A. Yes, sir.  
22 Q. When, sir, did you first make a written report of  
23 anything having to do with the November 3, 2005,  
24 meeting with Mr. Avery?  
25 A. June of '06 I believe.

1 Q. Does June 29, 2006 sound correct?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. A few days short of the 4th of July?  
4 A. Yes, sir.  
5 Q. Not quite 8 months after the conversation with  
6 Mr. Avery?  
7 A. Yes, sir.  
8 Q. Was that a timely report?  
9 A. I wasn't even aware that Manitowoc County had our  
10 own report. I didn't find out about it till  
11 then.  
12 Q. You were aware that Manitowoc County sheriff's  
13 deputies had played a substantial role at the  
14 Avery property for a week, from November 5 to  
15 November 12?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. You saw literally dozens of fellow officers from  
18 the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department during  
19 that week?  
20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. And your testimony today is you aren't aware that  
22 any of them ever wrote any report?  
23 A. No, I wasn't. I knew Calumet County Sheriff's  
24 Department was handling the report portion of it.  
25 Q. And somebody finally suggested to you, in June,

1 more than 7 months later, that maybe you ought to  
2 write a report about that first interview with  
3 Steven Avery?  
4 A. They informed me that there was indeed a report  
5 and that I should make an entry on it, yes.  
6 Q. You made an entry on it?  
7 A. Yes, I did.  
8 Q. And that entry was all of about a page?  
9 A. I guess it was a few paragraphs; I don't know how  
10 many.  
11 Q. Did you happen to notice when you were with  
12 Mr. Avery on November 3, a big, fresh gash or cut  
13 on his right middle finger?  
14 A. No, I did not notice that.  
15 Q. Didn't notice him bleeding?  
16 A. No, sir, I didn't.  
17 Q. Or notice anything that looked like it had been  
18 recently bleeding or recently a fresh, open cut?  
19 A. No, sir, I didn't notice any injury.  
20 Q. That's why there is no mention of such an injury  
21 in your report, true?  
22 A. Correct.  
23 ATTORNEY STRANG: What time does the Court  
24 wish to take the afternoon break, for my purposes,  
25 your Honor?



1 THE COURT: We'll go another 10 minutes.

2 ATTORNEY STRANG: Thank you.

3 Q. (By Attorney Strang)~ Now, did I understand you  
4 correctly, in your testimony earlier today,  
5 Sergeant Colborn, that today you remember what it  
6 is you were doing on your day off, Friday,  
7 November 4, 2005, the day after you first talked  
8 to Steven Avery?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. We were talking about timely and thorough and  
11 accurate reports before. And I wonder if you  
12 recall, oh, a little over a month ago, not quite  
13 six weeks ago, in fact, January 11, 2007, being  
14 interviewed by Investigator Steier of the Calumet  
15 County Sheriff's Department; do you remember  
16 that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you knew that Investigator Steier was  
19 interviewing you in connection with this case?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You know, as a law enforcement officer, that it's  
22 important, if one speaks to another -- to a  
23 police officer, to give accurate information to  
24 the officer?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. You know, in fact, that it's a crime in the state  
2 of Wisconsin, intentionally to give false  
3 information to a police officer?  
4 A. Yes, sir.  
5 Q. And on January 11, 2007, you recall Investigator  
6 Steier asking you if you could recall what you  
7 had done on Friday, November 4, 2005, your day  
8 off; do you recall him asking you that?  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. And what you told him was, that you could not  
11 recall what you had done on your off day; that's  
12 what you told Investigator Steier?  
13 A. Yes, at that precise second that he asked me, I  
14 could not recall everything that I had done on  
15 that day.  
16 Q. You recalled later?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. And when, sir, when did you call up Investigator  
19 Steier and say, I'm sorry, I was wrong, I now  
20 remember what I did on my day off, Friday,  
21 November 4, 2005?  
22 A. I didn't call Investigator Steier.  
23 Q. One of the things the road patrol officers, under  
24 your supervision, frequently do, is look for cars  
25 that appear out of place?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Or if they made a traffic stop, they will inquire  
3 about the license plate or the registration  
4 plates on an automobile?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And they will call into dispatch and give the  
7 dispatcher the license plate number of a car they  
8 have stopped, or a car that looks out of place  
9 for some reason, correct?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. And the dispatcher, very quickly these days, with  
12 his or her computer screen, can get information  
13 about who -- to whom a license plate is  
14 registered?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Also, the dispatcher can give you, right over the  
17 phone or the radio, the information about what  
18 car the license plate is registered to?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. This is useful so that you know who you may be  
21 approaching, if there's a driver of the car  
22 that's stopped?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. It's also useful to know whether the license  
25 plate appears to be on the car for which it is

1 registered?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. If the car is abandoned or there's nobody in the  
4 car, the registration tells you who the owner  
5 presumably is?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Are you the only Andy, to your knowledge, in the  
8 Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department?

9 A. The only officer with the first name Andy?

10 Q. Yes.

11 A. No, I'm not.

12 Q. All right. I'm going to ask you to listen, if  
13 you would, to a short phone call. And I will ask  
14 you, first, if you are the Andy speaking. All  
15 right?

16 A. Mm-hmm.

17 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Judge, before counsel does  
18 this, could we have it identified as to the date and  
19 time.

20 ATTORNEY STRANG: Absolutely, I will do the  
21 best I can. In fact, I should mark it.

22 (Exhibit No. 212 marked for identification.)

23 ATTORNEY STRANG: This is a CD Rom that we  
24 obtained from the -- or a copy of the CD Rom that we  
25 obtained from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's

1 Department, Exhibit 212, counsel. Thank you.

2 For counsel's benefit this will be track  
3 three. All I'm told by the sheriff's department  
4 is that these are calls between November 3 and  
5 November 12, 2005.

6 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Judge, we don't know  
7 when -- what he is about to play them is within a 9  
8 day period?

9 ATTORNEY STRANG: If the witness made the  
10 call, I'm going to ask him when he made the call.

11 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.

12 Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.  
13 This is Lynn.

14 Lynn.

15 Hi, Andy.

16 Can you run Sam William Henry 582. See  
17 if it comes back to (Inaudible.)

18 Sam William Henry 582.

19 ATTORNEY STRANG: Let me just stop it right  
20 there. In fact, I'm going to go back, because it  
21 was so soft at the beginning.

22 Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.  
23 This is Lynn.

24 Lynn.

25 Hi Andy.

1 Can you run --

2 Q. (By Attorney Strang)~ Is that you?

3 A. It sounds like me. I believe it's me.

4 Q. Okay. I'll --

5 Sam William Henry 582. See if it comes

6 back to (Inaudible.)

7 Lynn.

8 Hi Andy.

9 Can you run Sam William Henry 582. See

10 if it comes back to (Inaudible.)

11 Sam William Henry 582. I (Inaudible.)

12 All righty. You speak any Spanish there, Andy?

13 I just a call at the top of the list, is my on

14 call didn't call me back. If I want to get in

15 trouble, Andy, I get in trouble. You know, what

16 am I supposed to do?

17 Well --

18 My favorite one is in the city of

19 Manitowoc. Okay. Shows that she's a missing

20 person. And it lists to Teresa Halbach.

21 All set.

22 Okay. Is that what you're looking for,

23 Andy?

24 '99 Toyota.

25 Yup.

1                   Okay. Thank you.

2                   You're so welcome. Bye, bye.

3       Q.    Okay. That's the entire call. Hangs up. That's

4            your voice?

5       A.    Yes, I believe that's my voice. Yes.

6       Q.    When did you make that phone call inquiring about

7            a license plate?

8       A.    I don't know.

9       Q.    Do you have any recollection of making that phone

10          call?

11      A.    It would have had to have been 11/03/05 or -- I'm

12          guessing 11/03/05.

13      Q.    Okay. But let's -- let's ask -- establish this

14          first, do you remember making the call?

15      A.    Not really, no.

16      Q.    What you're asking the dispatcher, whose name is

17          Lynn, is to run a plate that's Sam William Henry

18          582; did I hear that correctly?

19      A.    Yes, sir.

20      Q.    Sam William Henry is a phonetic code that law

21          enforcement officers use, because sometimes it's

22          hard to tell just a letter over radio?

23      A.    Yes, sir.

24      Q.    Sam William Henry would be SWH-582.

25      A.    Yes.



1 Q. This license plate?  
2 A. Yes, sir.  
3 Q. I'm showing, for the benefit of the record, this  
4 is either Exhibit 152 or 153?  
5 THE CLERK: It's on the plate itself.  
6 ATTORNEY STRANG: This one happens to be  
7 153.  
8 Q. (By Attorney Strang)~ And the dispatcher tells  
9 you that the plate comes back to a missing person  
10 or woman?  
11 A. Yes, sir.  
12 Q. Teresa Halbach. Mispronounces the last name, but  
13 you recognize the name?  
14 A. Yes, sir.  
15 Q. And then you tell the dispatcher, Oh, '99 Toyota?  
16 A. No, I thought she told me that.  
17 Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.  
18 This is Lynn.  
19 Lynn.  
20 Hi Andy.  
21 Can you run Sam William Henry 582, see  
22 if it comes back to (Inaudible.)  
23 Sam William Henry 582. I (Inaudible.)  
24 All righty. Do you speak any Spanish there,  
25 Andy? I just got a call that the top of my list,

1 is my on call didn't call me back. If I want to  
2 get in trouble, Andy, I get in trouble. You  
3 know, what am I supposed to do?  
4 Well --  
5 My favorite one is in the city of  
6 Manitowoc. Okay. Shows that she's a missing  
7 person. And it lists to Teresa Halbach.  
8 All set.  
9 Okay. That's what you're looking for,  
10 Andy?  
11 '99 Toyota?  
12 Yup.  
13 Okay. Thank you.  
14 You are so welcome. Bye, bye.  
15 Q. Actually you who suggests this is a '99 Toyota?  
16 A. I asked if it was a '99 Toyota, yes.  
17 Q. And the dispatcher confirmed that?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. Were you looking at these plates when you called  
20 them in?  
21 A. No, sir.  
22 Q. And your best guess is that you called them in on  
23 November 3, 2005?  
24 A. Yes, probably after I received a phone call from  
25 Investigator Wiegert letting me know that there

1 was a missing person.

2 Q. Investigator Wiegert, did he give you the license  
3 plate number for Teresa Halbach when he called  
4 you?

5 A. I don't remember the entire content of our  
6 conversation but, obviously, he must have because  
7 I was asking the dispatcher to run the plate for  
8 me.

9 Q. Did you not trust that Investigator Wiegert got  
10 the number right?

11 A. I don't -- That's just the way I would have done  
12 it. I don't -- It's not a trust or distrust  
13 issue.

14 ATTORNEY STRANG: I'm about to move to a  
15 different area, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: All right. We'll take our  
17 afternoon break at this time. Members of the jury,  
18 do not discuss the case during break. And we'll  
19 resume in about 15 minutes.

20 (Jury not present.)

21 THE COURT: Counsel, you should report back  
22 a little before 3:00.

23 ATTORNEY STRANG: Thank you.

24 (Recess taken.)

25 THE COURT: Mr. Strang, you may resume your

1 cross-examination.

2 CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTD

3 BY ATTORNEY STRANG:

4 Q. So as you sit here today, Sergeant Colborn, you  
5 don't recall whether Investigator Wiegert gave  
6 you Ms Halbach's telephone number when he called  
7 you that Thursday evening?

8 A. He never asked me anything about a telephone  
9 number.

10 Q. But you think he must have given you her license  
11 plate number? Did I say telephone number?

12 A. Yes, you did.

13 Q. I'm sorry. I apologize. What I meant is, you  
14 don't recall, as you sit here today, whether  
15 Mr. Weigert gave you Teresa Halbach's license  
16 plate number when he called you on November 3?

17 A. No, I just don't remember the exact content of  
18 our conversation then.

19 Q. But --

20 A. He had to have given it to me, because I wouldn't  
21 have had the number any other way.

22 Q. Well, and you can understand how someone  
23 listening to that might think that you were  
24 calling in a license plate that you were looking  
25 at on the back end of a 1999 Toyota; from

1 listening to that tape, you can understand why  
2 someone might think that, can't you?

3 ATTORNEY KRATZ: It's a conclusion, Judge.  
4 He's conveying the problems to the jury.

5 THE COURT: I agree, the objection is  
6 sustained.

7 Q. This call sounded like hundreds of other license  
8 plate or registration checks you have done  
9 through dispatch before?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. But there's no way you should have been looking  
12 at Teresa Halbach's license plate on November 3,  
13 on the back end of a 1999 Toyota?

14 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Asked and answer, your  
15 Honor, he already said he didn't and was not looking  
16 at the license plate.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 Q. (By Attorney Strang)~ There's no way you should  
19 have been, is there?

20 A. I shouldn't have been and I was not looking at  
21 the license plate.

22 Q. Because you are aware now that the first time  
23 that Toyota was reported found was two days later  
24 on November 5?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. You were aware that it was found, without its  
2 license plates?  
3 A. Yes, sir.  
4 Q. You are aware that the license plates weren't  
5 reported found until November 8, 2005?  
6 A. Yes, sir.  
7 Q. Now, you spent a good bit of your time, your  
8 working hours at least, between November 5 and  
9 November 9, at the Avery salvage property.  
10 A. Yes, sir.  
11 Q. You were asked on direct examination if you  
12 remembered when you first arrived on Saturday,  
13 November 5, at that property; do you recall that?  
14 A. Yes, sir.  
15 Q. And if I heard you correctly, which you said is  
16 you thought somewhere between 5 and 5:15?  
17 A. That's what I thought, yes.  
18 Q. Is that your recollection as you sit here now?  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. Okay. Now, that's a question that you have been  
21 asked at a prior hearing in this case, correct?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. Back on August 9, 2006, you testified at a  
24 hearing?  
25 A. Yes.

1 ATTORNEY STRANG: Page 42, counsel.

2 Q. (By Attorney Strang)~ And on August 9, 2006, you  
3 were asked the following question and gave this  
4 answer?

5 QUESTION: Okay. Now, moving onto  
6 Saturday, November 5th, did you -- can you tell  
7 me what time you arrived at the Avery property?

8 And your answer was:

9 ANSWER: Sometime between 6 and 6:30, in  
10 the evening.

11 And I will show you the transcript. Is  
12 that the question you were asked and the answer  
13 you gave on August 9?

14 A. Yes, it is.

15 Q. Now, since then, you have had a chance to get  
16 prepared to testify for this trial?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. One of the things you have had the benefit of  
19 doing is sitting down with the gentleman to my  
20 right, at the prosecution table?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And they ran through some of the areas they  
23 expected to cover with you in your testimony?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. You did not have the benefit of doing that on, or



1           shortly before, August 9, 2006?

2   A.   Yes, I did.  Actually, we did it on 6/29/06, the  
3       date you previously mentioned.

4   Q.   Okay.  Five or six weeks earlier?

5   A.   Yes, sir.

6   Q.   Specifically, have you had a chance, though,  
7       since August 9, to look at the log sheet for  
8       November 5, 2005, at the Avery property?

9   A.   I have not.

10  Q.   How is it that your memory improved or changed  
11       and that you now think it was between 5 and 5:15  
12       that you arrived, not 6 or 6:30?

13  A.   I -- I don't know.  I did review my time cards  
14       for that pay period and I saw what time I went on  
15       duty, so I -- when I answered Mr. Kratz's  
16       question, I didn't think it would have taken me  
17       from 6 or 6:30 to get there.

18  Q.   Okay.  So it's not so much that you actually  
19       remember now, it's just that you have spent some  
20       time trying to reconstruct time from your house  
21       and when you got the call and what your time  
22       records show?

23  A.   Yes.

24  Q.   Okay.  And we have got Exhibit 142 in evidence  
25       and I would say today you did pretty well.  I

1 will show you Exhibit 142. I have got it open to  
2 the page where I think you will find yourself  
3 signing in; is that right?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. 5:12 p.m.?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. That would be the sign in out by the Command  
8 Post, true?

9 A. I don't know. I -- I have never seen this form  
10 before today. That's what it looks like.

11 Q. Well, the question really is, where do you  
12 remember logging in?

13 A. I thought we logged in out by Avery Road and 147,  
14 but if you say it's by the Command Post, that  
15 could be.

16 Q. No, no, no, I wasn't there. Avery Road and 147,  
17 in other words, even farther out from the Command  
18 Post?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. To get anywhere near the property you had to log  
21 in?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. All right. 5:12 p.m. you log in?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Do you recall, now, whether Lieutenant James Lenk

1           was there when you arrived, on November 5?

2   A.    I don't know if he was there or came later.  I

3           don't know.

4   Q.    Okay.  And you do know that you logged out with

5           him and with Detective Remiker that evening; do

6           you recall that?

7   A.    Yes, sir.

8   Q.    And, indeed, we can see that if you flip forward

9           a couple three pages, can you find where you have

10          logged out, on Exhibit 142?

11   A.    Yes, sir.

12   Q.    The three of you, Lenk, Colborn, Remiker log out

13          another 10:41 p.m.?

14   A.    Yes, sir.

15   Q.    Now, you were, as I say, spending most of your

16          working hours out there, somewhere on the Avery

17          property, from November 5 through at least

18          November 9?

19   A.    Yes, sir.

20   Q.    You -- As you told us already, you went into

21          Steven Avery's trailer a number of different

22          times during those several days?

23   A.    Yes, sir.

24   Q.    You said on direct examination that, you know, at

25          least initially, you still viewed this as a

1           missing persons case?

2    A.    Yes, sir.

3    Q.    You also knew that by the time you entered

4           Mr. Avery's trailer at 7:30 on Saturday,

5           November 5, you were doing so with a search

6           warrant?

7    A.    Yes.

8    Q.    A search warrant in which a fellow law

9           enforcement officer had sworn that you were

10          looking for evidence of murder, among other

11          things?

12   A.    I didn't know what the content of the search

13          warrant was or how they obtained it.

14   Q.    Search warrants, though, you do know, are used in

15          criminal investigations?

16   A.    Yes, sir.

17   Q.    Not in missing person investigations?

18   A.    I can't really answer that. I could imagine the

19          Court would give a search warrant for a missing

20          person if we could prove probable cause that that

21          missing person was at a certain spot.

22   Q.    Isn't a search warrant ordinarily used --

23   A.    Yes, it is.

24   Q.    -- when there is probable cause to believe you

25          will find evidence of a crime?

1 A. Yes, it is.

2 Q. All right. And you were looking for evidence of

3 a crime, beginning on the evening of November 5,

4 true?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. One of the things you do, as an evidence

7 technician, is you wear latex gloves, just like

8 those that Mr. Wiegert had on earlier, when you

9 searched someone's home, or garage, or whatever

10 it is?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. You wear those, everybody involved, every law

13 enforcement officer involved in the search wears

14 them?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. That way you can't leave your own fingerprints at

17 the scene or on evidence?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And in theory, you shouldn't be leaving your own

20 DNA on the scene or on evidence?

21 A. Correct, sir.

22 Q. So you're in the house on November 5, November 6,

23 November 7, November 8, true?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And, finally, on November 8, Mr. Kratz asked you,

1           were you doing a thorough search of the master  
2           bedroom of Mr. Avery's trailer; do you remember  
3           that?  
4       A.    Yes.  
5       Q.    Now, that thorough search, had you working on the  
6           bookcase and on the desk?  
7       A.    Yes, sir.  
8       Q.    You described yourself as being, I think you said  
9           none too gentle?  
10      A.    That's true.  
11      Q.    With the bookcase. And explained, I wasn't any  
12           too gentle, as we were getting exasperated?  
13      A.    Yes, sir.  
14      Q.    What was exasperating you about the bookcase, or  
15           that bedroom, on November 8, 2005?  
16      A.    The content of the material that we were  
17           collecting.  
18      Q.    So you felt exasperated and that caused you to  
19           take it out on the bookcase?  
20      A.    Didn't exactly take it out on the bookcase, it  
21           just caused us to not be gentle in the handling  
22           of the material.  
23      Q.    You were back in again on November 9, I don't  
24           know that you covered that on direct, but you  
25           actually were back into Mr. Avery's trailer,

1           briefly, on November 9, to look for a garage door  
2           opener?

3    A.    Yes, sir.

4    Q.    That was also with Lieutenant Lenk, correct?

5    A.    And a Calumet County deputy, yes, sir.

6    Q.    Named Wendling, Deputy Wendling?

7    A.    Yes, sir.

8    Q.    From Calumet County? There was no time that you  
9           went in Mr. Avery's home during November of 2005  
10          when you were not also with Lieutenant Lenk?

11   A.    Not that I recall.

12   Q.    No time you went into Mr. Avery's garage when  
13          Lieutenant Lenk was not also with you?

14   A.    Not that I recall, no, sir.

15   Q.    This case, you would describe as the largest  
16          investigation in which you personally had  
17          participated as a law enforcement officer?

18   A.    Yes, sir.

19   Q.    Some of the lengthiest searches, if we take  
20          November 5 through November 9 as a whole, in  
21          which you have participated?

22   A.    Yes, sir.

23   Q.    Led to very serious charges against Mr. Avery?

24   A.    Yes, sir.

25   Q.    You now know that the law enforcement agencies



1 involved, principally Calumet County Sheriff's  
2 Department and the Division of Criminal  
3 Investigation, have generated hundreds or  
4 thousands of pages of police reports?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Your total contribution to those reports, is  
7 what, a little bit under half a page, as of  
8 November 8, 2005?

9 A. That's correct, sir.

10 Q. And then about another page as of June 29, 2006?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. The report that you filed on, or shortly after,  
13 November 8, 2005, makes no mention of the Toyota  
14 key?

15 A. That's correct, sir.

16 Q. Would you like to see it?

17 A. No, I believe you.

18 Q. In fact, the only thing you discuss in your  
19 report is that on November 8, 2005, you were  
20 using these cotton swabs, about which we have all  
21 heard a lot, and distilled water, to collect some  
22 blood spots in the bathroom and laundry room of  
23 Mr. Avery's trailer?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Were there things that you did not want to commit

1 to paper, in a report?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. And it all began, I guess, your involvement in  
4 this investigation began, that Thursday night,  
5 November 3, 2005?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And that's the -- that's the report that we  
8 established you wrote more than 7, nearly 8  
9 months later?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. That is, it was almost 8 months after that  
12 conversation with Steven Avery, the first  
13 conversation with him in this investigation, that  
14 you wrote down what you say he said to you, back  
15 on November 3?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Did you have any rough notes, note pad, anything  
18 to work off when you wrote that report in the  
19 heat of June, 2006?

20 A. No, I did not, sir.

21 Q. Well, about 8 months, but then, again, while  
22 we're on Steven Avery and your reports about him,  
23 that phone call, the phone call you took way back  
24 in 1994 or 1995, when you were working in the  
25 jail, the phone call where a detective from

1 another law enforcement agency told you you may  
2 have the wrong guy in jail, that one?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Did you ever write a report about that?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. Well, actually you did, didn't you? It was about  
7 8 years later, wasn't it?

8 A. I wrote a statement on it, yes, sir.

9 Q. You wrote a statement after Sheriff Peterson  
10 suggested that maybe you should?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. You wrote that statement in 2003, about the 1994  
13 or 1995 telephone call?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. You wrote that statement in 2003, the day after  
16 Steven Avery finally walked out of prison, didn't  
17 you?

18 A. I don't know what day Steve was released from  
19 prison, but I wrote the statement in 2003.

20 Q. September 12, 2003 sound right?

21 A. I said, I don't know the date that I wrote the  
22 statement, but I know it was in 2003.

23 Q. Well, I think I do know the date you wrote it and  
24 I'm a happy to show it to you.

25 ATTORNEY STRANG: I will mark it for

1 identification.

2 (Exhibit No. 213 marked for identification.)

3 Q. (By Attorney Strang)~ What do you know as  
4 Exhibit 213?

5 A. That's the statement I wrote after speaking with  
6 Detect -- or Sheriff Peterson.

7 Q. What's the date of your statement?

8 A. September 12, 2003.

9 Q. Do you remember that now as the day after Steven  
10 Avery finally walked out a free man?

11 A. Sir, I already said I didn't know what day he got  
12 released.

13 ATTORNEY STRANG: That's all I have.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Kratz.

15 ATTORNEY KRATZ: I do have a issue outside  
16 the presence of the jury, Judge. I ask that I be  
17 able to be heard.

18 THE COURT: All right. At this time we'll  
19 excuse the jurors for a few minutes.

20 (Jury not present.)

21 ATTORNEY KRATZ: I think the witness should  
22 be excused as well.

23 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Colborn, you  
24 may step outside. Mr. Kratz.

25 (Witness not present.)

1                   ATTORNEY KRATZ: Thank you, Judge. As this  
2                   Court may know, this was a cross-examination which  
3                   was much anticipated. It was the subject of a great  
4                   deal of pre-trial litigation. It was the point in  
5                   the trial where the defense had represented to this  
6                   Court, in something that's called an offer of proof,  
7                   which is a lawyer's obligation, at least as this  
8                   Court presented it to the defense, to tell the Court  
9                   what the defense intended to show at trial.

10                  When submitting the defense theory of  
11                  the case, in response to the State's motion to  
12                  exclude evidence of blood vial, of planting  
13                  evidence, the defense, in their offer of proof,  
14                  told this Court, promised this Court, that the  
15                  defense would -- with evidence, would show that  
16                  this witness, Mr. Colborn, or the next witness,  
17                  Mr. Lenk, somehow obtained a vial of blood from  
18                  the Clerk of Court's Office in Manitowoc County  
19                  and planted that evidence, or planted that blood  
20                  in Teresa Halbach's SUV.

21                  Now, we have had heard Mr. Strang's  
22                  opening statement where planted evidence has been  
23                  eluded to. We have heard cross-examination of  
24                  other law enforcement witnesses, by Mr. Buting,  
25                  specifically, where he asked whether those

1 officers expected that their superiors would be  
2 planting evidence in this case.

3 But now, when it would logically come up  
4 in trial, now when evidence would logically be  
5 presented, or when the very witness in the  
6 defense offer of proof comes before this Court  
7 and is able to be asked regarding sneaking into  
8 the Clerk's Office, or stealing a vial of blood,  
9 or planting evidence, we hear nothing.

10 And despite the contamination by the  
11 defense throughout the entire jury selection  
12 process, which this Court I think can take  
13 judicial notice of, you heard all the questioning  
14 about the vial of blood in the Clerk's Office in  
15 jury selection, you heard the contamination in  
16 press releases, you heard the contamination in  
17 opening statements.

18 Now, for the first time, when evidence  
19 should be placed into -- into the record, or at  
20 least placed into this particular case, we hear  
21 nothing. And so, Judge, I'm asking for  
22 alternative direction, or rulings from the Court,  
23 first, if the defense is abandoning their  
24 planting evidence theory. The State needs to  
25 know that and we need to know that now.

1                   Because there shouldn't be any more --  
2                   any more questions of, are you friends with  
3                   Mr. Lenk, or any questions of any other witnesses  
4                   about a planting or about blood vials, if they  
5                   intend not to honor their offer of proof, if the  
6                   defense now intends not to, as they told this  
7                   Court in response to the State's motion to  
8                   exclude this very evidence, that they would prove  
9                   that evidence from the Clerk's Office, by way of  
10                  vial of blood would be brought into this case.

11                  If they do, in fact, that is, if the  
12                  defense does in fact intend to abandon that  
13                  defense, then I will be asking for curative  
14                  instructions of this jury, at this time, that up  
15                  to this point in the trial they should disregard  
16                  Mr. Strang's opening statement, when he talked  
17                  about further evidence of planting evidence, of  
18                  any other witnesses that have been asked about  
19                  planting evidence, or any reference at all to  
20                  blood vial type evidence.

21                  If, in fact, I'm mistaken, if I am  
22                  jumping the gun, if you will, if this is all  
23                  going to be Lieutenant Lenk now, rather than  
24                  Sergeant Colborn, then I am happy to be the first  
25                  one to stand corrected. But, if this defense is



1 going to be abandoned, before I redirect this  
2 particular witness, the State is entitled to that  
3 ruling and we're entitled to that information.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Strang.

5 ATTORNEY STRANG: I will stand on the  
6 written materials we made, we tendered to the Court  
7 and filed, with respect to a proffer of evidence and  
8 reasonable inferences from evidence as to the blood  
9 vial. I will stand on the transcript that our  
10 capable court reporter has made of my opening  
11 statement and simply note that, while he means no  
12 inaccuracy and he is simply trying to give the Court  
13 a summary, Mr. Kratz's description of our written  
14 materials and my opening statement are not exactly  
15 correct, and I will simply stand on them rather than  
16 characterize them.

17 Second, just by the by, we haven't  
18 gotten to the defense case-in-chief yet at all.  
19 We're in the prosecution case-in-chief. So all  
20 of this, at some level, would be wildly  
21 premature. But, beyond that, to confront it most  
22 directly, I'm idealistic. I'm certainly naive at  
23 times. I am not so naive to think that someone  
24 who may have planted blood evidence, who may have  
25 been involved in planting a key, would come into

1       this courtroom, and simply, because asked under  
2       oath, did you do it, say, oh, yes, I did it. We  
3       are not going to have a *Perry Mason* moment here.

4               We will at some point have to establish  
5       the existence of the blood vial in the Clerk's  
6       Office and its state of being there so to speak.  
7       And that could be done in the defense  
8       case-in-chief; it could be done on  
9       cross-examination in the State's case-in-chief,  
10      if the opportunity should present itself with an  
11      appropriate witness.

12             But I do not expect anyone, Lieutenant  
13      Lenk, Sergeant Colborn, anyone else, to make an  
14      admission, that you would see in the *Perry Mason*  
15      show, on the witness stand. And the suggestion  
16      that we should be held to getting one from such a  
17      witness is preposterous. This jury will be  
18      asked, in the end, by both sides, to rely on  
19      reasonable inferences and common sense and on all  
20      of the evidence.

21             So I don't think there's any relief to  
22      be granted at the moment and there's no point in  
23      discussing now what reasonable inferences may be  
24      available at this point, since neither the jury  
25      nor the parties know what the whole of the

1 evidence will be when the evidence is closed.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Kratz, anything else?

3 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Just -- I'm sure, Judge,  
4 just one moment, if I could. I appreciate  
5 Mr. Strang's response, Judge. And when Mr. Strang,  
6 and I believe I wrote these words down correctly, we  
7 will establish the blood vial in the Clerk's Office,  
8 perhaps not through these witnesses; but it is, what  
9 I have heard, that they are not abandoning that  
10 defense.

11 That was my concern, because there's  
12 nothing that requires Mr. Strang or Mr. Buting to  
13 keep planting these little nuggets, if you will,  
14 and then when the defense part comes, from them  
15 saying, defense rests, or saying, now we have  
16 abandoned it, when there is further contamination  
17 of the jury.

18 That's our concern, Judge. We're able  
19 to meet this defense and we intend to meet this  
20 defense. But we have to do that in good faith  
21 reliance, upon pre-trial rulings of this Court,  
22 by pre-trial representations by the defense as to  
23 where this trial is going, so that we don't  
24 interrupt the flow of this case.

25 I don't want to object every time I hear

1 the word planting. I don't want to object every  
2 time I hear the word, are you friends with  
3 Lieutenant Lenk, or anything that might go down  
4 that road. In fact, the defense intends to, as  
5 their offer of proof, indicates to prove that up  
6 at some point, or to embrace that as one of their  
7 defenses.

8 And I know that's a clumsy term, and  
9 with my apology to Mr. Strang, but I still  
10 believe that we're entitled to know that. We're  
11 entitled at some point, before there is further  
12 contamination, if in fact this defense is going  
13 to be abandoned at some point, the State is  
14 entitled to know that. That was my point in  
15 putting it on the record at this very moment,  
16 before I proceed with my redirect examination.

17 THE COURT: I don't know that the defense  
18 disagrees that if they should abandon that defense  
19 that you would be entitled to some notice, but I  
20 don't understand the defense to be saying that they  
21 are abandoning that defense.

22 ATTORNEY STRANG: The Court is right on  
23 both counts. And this is, you know, I would like to  
24 know too whether the State is abandoning the false  
25 imprisonment charge, but until we at least get to

1 the point where the State rests its case-in-chief,  
2 that's all premature.

3 And I understand Mr. Kratz's concerns.  
4 I don't know that if we were abandoning any  
5 defense that I would have done the same  
6 cross-examination, or for that matter, that  
7 Mr. Colborn would have been called on direct at  
8 all.

9 ATTORNEY KRATZ: What I would, just as a  
10 final point, Judge, I would ask then, that before  
11 the State rests, before the State concludes its part  
12 of the case, that we be allowed a hearing, that we  
13 be allowed an opportunity on an admissibility  
14 hearing, or to meet what at least has been presented  
15 to this point.

16 We have heard about vials of blood. We  
17 have heard -- the jury has at least heard,  
18 substantially during the voir dire process, about  
19 a vial of blood in the Clerk's Office. We don't  
20 have, obviously, any results from the FBI at this  
21 particular point yet. But if and when we do get  
22 those, I know that there is some disagreement as  
23 to what's rebuttal evidence and can rebuttal, or  
24 reply evidence, be put in even in the State's  
25 case-in-chief.

1           Because if the defense, technically,  
2           wouldn't call one single witness and the State  
3           relied upon the defense representation that they  
4           intended to put this in and the defense changed  
5           their mind, we would be precluded from meeting  
6           the challenges, or at least meeting the  
7           assertions that have been made up to this point.

8           So, perhaps more by way of prediction  
9           between now and the close of the State's case, we  
10          will be asking for a hearing on this very issue.  
11          I don't intend to have this conversation again.  
12          Mr. Strang is right, we'll wait to see how the  
13          case plays out.

14          But prior to the State being precluded  
15          from meeting this defense, or at least from  
16          presenting evidence relevant to this particular  
17          topic, and before the State rests, we will be  
18          asking for a more extensive opportunity to be  
19          heard, even if it's just in writing, Judge. We  
20          will submit something, but we will need some kind  
21          of a ruling before the State does rest its case.

22          THE COURT: All right. If I'm reading your  
23          comments correctly, you are not asking the Court to  
24          do anything at this point in time, but you are  
25          indicating that you may be asking for relief of some



1 kind at the close of the -- or before the close of  
2 the State's case, pending whatever action the  
3 defense takes between now and then.

4 ATTORNEY KRATZ: This was the earliest  
5 opportunity and, in fact, the first obvious  
6 opportunity to have heard that kind of evidence.  
7 Since I didn't hear it, I'm putting the Court and  
8 defense on notice of our position.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Strang.

10 ATTORNEY STRANG: Fair enough. And I -- I  
11 think I should, you know, in the spirit of the  
12 disclosure that Mr. Kratz has struck, add joining  
13 part of what -- part of what he said. I mean,  
14 clearly, because about half, I think, of the blood  
15 vial sample has been sent off to the FBI for  
16 testing, and we expect testing is ongoing, clearly  
17 there will have to be a hearing. Mr. Kratz may have  
18 one type of hearing in mind; we have another.  
19 Certainly a **Walstad** hearing and there are a variety  
20 of other issues that may arise with the FBI testing.

21 We are no closer to being able to  
22 conduct any independent testing or to have an  
23 expert to meet and assess the FBI's testing, than  
24 we were when we first addressed this issue. We  
25 have received a protocol from the FBI, thanks to



1 Mr. Gahn for that; we got that, I don't know, at  
2 the end of last week, I think.

3 And we'll be filing a motion addressing,  
4 in writing, the issues that this testing and the  
5 denial of defense opportunity for independent  
6 testing or even for a reasonable chance to find  
7 an expert to meet and help us assess, possibly  
8 contradict the FBI test results. It raises a  
9 whole field of fair trial and due process issues  
10 here. I will address those in writing.

11 I hope to file that before the end of  
12 this week. I expect the State would want a  
13 chance to respond in writing and, you know,  
14 whatever I see as heading, is the Court needing  
15 to schedule, conceivably. I mean, on Wednesday,  
16 gets FBI results and what they are, the Court  
17 needing to set a fair amount of time aside to  
18 address the whole cluster of issues surrounding  
19 that FBI testing.

20 THE COURT: All right. Anything else  
21 before we bring the jury back in and allow the State  
22 to redirect?

23 ATTORNEY KRATZ: No. And Mr. Strang's  
24 comments are certainly well stated and we actually  
25 join that, Judge; we will need a day and whether

1           it's going to be on a weekend or whether the Court  
2           is going to allow a day or the better part of a day,  
3           that the jury gets a probably much needed day off,  
4           we'll need to schedule that within the trial. But I  
5           am prepared with my redirect at this time, Judge.

6                     THE COURT: Very well. We can bring the  
7           witness back in and the jurors.

8                     (Jury present.)

9                     You may be seated. Mr. Kratz, at this  
10          time you may begin your redirect.

11                    ATTORNEY KRATZ: Thank you, Judge.

12                               REDIRECT EXAMINATION

13          BY ATTORNEY KRATZ:

14          Q.     Sergeant Colborn, just a very few follow-up  
15                 questions. Mr. Strang asked you if you had  
16                 written a report about that telephone call that  
17                 you had sometime in 1994 or '95; do you remember  
18                 that question?

19          A.     Yes, sir.

20          Q.     Do you remember your response?

21          A.     My response was, no, that I did not write a  
22                 report about it.

23          Q.     As you look back, back in 1994 or '95, if you  
24                 would have written a report, what would it have  
25                 been about?

1 A. That is why I didn't do one, I don't know what it  
2 would have been about, that I received a call and  
3 transferred it to the Detective Division. If I  
4 wrote a report about every call that came in, I  
5 would spend my whole day writing reports.

6 Q. Did this person ever identify the individual that  
7 they were talking about?

8 A. No, sir. There were no names given.

9 Q. Let me ask you this, as you sit here today,  
10 Sergeant Colborn, do you even know whether that  
11 call was about Mr. Steven Avery?

12 A. No, I don't.

13 Q. Mr. Strang also played a telephone call for you,  
14 a call to the dispatch center, wherein you asked  
15 to verify a license plate; do you recall that?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Do you know if you made that inquiry of the  
18 dispatch center before or after you went to the  
19 Avery property on the 3rd of November?

20 A. I did not, no, sir. I would think -- I don't  
21 know.

22 Q. Mr. Strang asked whether or not it was common for  
23 you to check up on other agencies, or perhaps  
24 I'm -- I'm misphrasing that, but when you are  
25 assisting another agency, do you commonly verify

1 information that's provided by another agency?

2 A. All the time. I'm just trying to get -- you

3 know, a lot of times when you are driving a car,

4 you can't stop and take notes, so I'm trying to

5 get things in my head. And by calling the

6 dispatch center and running that plate again, it

7 got it in my head who that vehicle belonged to

8 and what type of vehicle that plate is associated

9 with.

10 Q. All right. Mr. Strang also asked you about a

11 interview that you had with a Investigator Steier

12 from the Calumet County Sheriff's Department

13 sometime in January of this year; is that

14 correct?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Mr. Strang asked you if, when Investigator Steier

17 asked if you were able to, at that time, back in

18 January, to recreate your day, if you will, on

19 your day off on the 4th of November; is that the

20 substance?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And in January, were you able to do that?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. Have you since been asked to recreate or to

25 reexamine your comings and goings on the 4th of

1 November?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And have you now been able to do that?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. At any time during the 4th of November, were you  
6 anywhere near the Avery salvage property?

7 A. No, I was not.

8 Q. At any time other than what we have heard about  
9 on the 3rd, were you anywhere near that salvage  
10 property.

11 A. No, I was not.

12 Q. Again, before arriving there on the 5th of  
13 November, had you gone near or approached  
14 anywhere around the Avery salvage property  
15 itself?

16 A. No, sir, I had not.

17 ATTORNEY KRATZ: That's all the redirect I  
18 have of this witness. Thank you, very much, sir.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Strang.

20 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

21 BY ATTORNEY STRANG:

22 Q. How many calls have you ever gotten in your law  
23 enforcement career, from another police officer,  
24 suggesting you had the wrong guy in jail?

25 A. I don't know. I can't recall any others.

1 ATTORNEY STRANG: That's all I have.

2 THE COURT: All right. You are excused.

3 Mr. Kratz, the State may call its next witness.

4 ATTORNEY KRATZ: The State would call

5 Lieutenant James Lenk, then.

6 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

7 LIEUTENANT JAMES M. LENK, called as a  
8 witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was  
9 examined and testified as follows:

10 THE CLERK: Please be seated. Please state  
11 your name and spell your last name for the record.

12 THE WITNESS: James M. Lenk, L-e-n-k.

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY ATTORNEY KRATZ:

15 Q. Mr. Lenk, how are you employed?

16 A. I'm employed with the Manitowoc County Sheriff's  
17 Department.

18 Q. In what capacity, sir?

19 A. I'm a lieutenant of detectives.

20 Q. What are your duties as lieutenant?

21 A. To distribute work amongst the other detectives,  
22 to supervise other detectives, also to take cases  
23 myself.

24 Q. So, together with the supervisory responsibility,  
25 you have an active case load; is that right?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. How long have you been a law enforcement officer?

3 A. Total of approximately 24 years.

4 Q. And where did your law enforcement career begin?

5 A. At the Detroit Police Department in Detroit,

6 Michigan.

7 Q. How long were you employed in Detroit?

8 A. Just over four years.

9 Q. After your -- By the way, what did you do with

10 the Detroit Police Department?

11 A. I started out at as a patrol officer. I worked

12 undercover, vice unit. And I also worked

13 juvenile investigations.

14 Q. All right. What was the next law enforcement

15 position that you held?

16 A. I worked for Michigan Bell, Corporate Security,

17 Michigan Bell Telephone.

18 Q. How long was that?

19 A. Approximately two to three years; I don't recall

20 specifically.

21 Q. All right. Thereafter, what did you do?

22 A. I moved to Wisconsin and applied for the

23 Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.

24 Q. And were you successful in obtaining that

25 position?



1 A. Yes, I was.

2 Q. When did that start?

3 A. It started December, 1988.

4 Q. Tell the jury, if you would, what your

5 responsibilities first were with the Manitowoc

6 Sheriff's Department?

7 A. When I first got hired on the Manitowoc County

8 Sheriff's Department, I worked as a jail officer

9 for a year.

10 Q. Did you move from that to something else?

11 A. Yes, I moved from that to patrol officer.

12 Q. How long were you a patrol officer?

13 A. I was a patrol officer for a short period of time

14 and then I went to the Metro Drug Unit.

15 Q. How long were you with the drug unit?

16 A. Approximately a year and a half.

17 Q. Could you describe your progression, then,

18 through the Manitowoc Sheriff's Department?

19 A. After the Metro Drug Unit, I became a sergeant

20 and I was assigned to the jail division; that

21 lasted a couple months. Then I was reassigned to

22 the Patrol Division as a sergeant.

23 Q. At some point, did you move out of the patrol

24 status?

25 A. Yes, I did.

1 Q. And did you move into investigations or into the  
2 Detective Bureau?  
3 A. Yes, I did.  
4 Q. When did that happen, do you recall?  
5 A. That was in February of '98, I believe.  
6 Q. All right. At some point, Lieutenant Lenk, did  
7 you move into a supervisory capacity within the  
8 Detective Bureau?  
9 A. Yes, I did.  
10 Q. When was that; do you recall?  
11 A. That was May of 2003.  
12 Q. Lieutenant Lenk, I'm going to direct your  
13 attention to November 3rd of 2005, ask if you  
14 were first employed in the same capacity that you  
15 hold now, at that time?  
16 A. Yes, sir.  
17 Q. And as the lieutenant in the Detective Bureau,  
18 were you made aware of a missing persons  
19 investigation that Calumet County had begun?  
20 A. Yes, I was.  
21 Q. How were you made aware of that?  
22 A. I received a phone call from Investigator Wiegert  
23 asking for assistance on a missing female.  
24 Q. Is that something you worked on yourself on the  
25 3rd, or assigned other officers?

1 A. I actually assigned the work to the other  
2 officers. I stayed in the headquarters building  
3 and did miscellaneous follow-up and paperwork.  
4 Q. You did what, I'm sorry?  
5 A. Miscellaneous follow- up and paperwork.  
6 Q. Regarding this case or just other work?  
7 A. This case and other work.  
8 Q. All right. Is there an individual from the  
9 Detective Bureau that you assigned to lead the  
10 Manitowoc part of this investigation?  
11 A. Yes, it would have been Detective Remiker.  
12 Q. And does he have a first name?  
13 A. Dave.  
14 Q. If you can assist the jury, Lieutenant Lenk, that  
15 first day, that is, the first day of the missing  
16 persons investigation, the 3rd of November, what  
17 was it that your agency, that Manitowoc, was  
18 asked to assist with?  
19 A. We were asked to assist with the missing female,  
20 Teresa Halbach, to assist the Calumet County  
21 officer that was coming to our county, to go to a  
22 couple locations. I believe at least one  
23 location, to see if they could gain information  
24 to her possible whereabouts.  
25 Q. As supervisor within the Detective Bureau, did

1           you speak directly with Detective Remiker  
2           regarding those assignments?

3       A.    Yes, I did.

4       Q.    And were you informed. Were you briefed, I think  
5           is the term, by Detective Remiker, regarding his  
6           findings that day?

7       A.    Yes, I believe I was.

8       Q.    Did you have any conversation, direct  
9           conversation, with Calumet County that first day?

10      A.    Not direct conversation. I talked to Investigator  
11           Dedering, who was also the one that came over to  
12           our county.

13      Q.    All right. Anything else happen on the 3rd,  
14           other than what you have described regarding  
15           the -- Manitowoc's limited role that day?

16      A.    No, sir.

17      Q.    All right. On the 4th, that would be on Friday,  
18           the 4th of November, did you personally become  
19           involved in the Manitowoc County portion of this  
20           investigation?

21      A.    Yes, sir.

22      Q.    Could you tell the jury how you became involved?

23      A.    Again, I received a telephone call from  
24           Investigator Wiegert requesting that we go out  
25           and reinterview Steven Avery.

1 Q. And did you proceed to Mr. Avery's property that  
2 day?  
3 A. Yes, I did.  
4 Q. Who did you go with?  
5 A. Detective Dave Remiker.  
6 Q. Now, Lieutenant Lenk, had you ever been to the  
7 Avery Salvage Yard as of the 4th of November?  
8 A. No, I hadn't.  
9 Q. Did you know where you were going on the  
10 property?  
11 A. No.  
12 Q. When you got to -- Or did you proceed to that  
13 scene?  
14 A. Yes.  
15 Q. When you got to the scene, where did you and  
16 Detective Remiker go?  
17 A. We turned to the right on Avery Lane, I guess it  
18 is, towards Steven's trailer.  
19 Q. To assist in your testimony, I'm going to show  
20 you a much referred to exhibit, it's Exhibit No.  
21 86; do you recognize that exhibit?  
22 A. Yes, I do, sir.  
23 Q. What is that?  
24 A. That's the Avery Salvage Yard.  
25 Q. And when you and Detective Remiker got to this

1 location, tell the jury where you went. There's  
2 a laser pointer, if you need it, just to your  
3 right, if that would assist you.

4 A. We came in -- It's hard to tell the area here.  
5 We came in this road and we turned to the right.

6 Q. Why did you turn right?

7 A. Habit, I guess, just turned to the right.

8 Q. All right. Tell the jury where you went, please.

9 A. We went down to the -- almost to the end of the  
10 road and we exited the vehicle. Detective  
11 Remiker went up to the house trailer to knock on  
12 the door, with no response; after which he went  
13 to, I believe, the Janda trailer, again, knocked  
14 on the door, no response.

15 As we were getting ready to leave, there  
16 was a golf cart coming down the lane towards us.

17 Q. And who was on the golf cart?

18 A. Steven Avery and his mother.

19 Q. Did you have occasion to make contact with both  
20 Steven and his mother at that time?

21 A. We talked to Steven, yes.

22 Q. Upon speaking to Mr. Avery, did you and Detective  
23 Remiker ask for an opportunity to look in the  
24 inside of his trailer?

25 A. Yes. Detective Remiker asked permission to look

1           inside his trailer.

2   Q.   And was that done?

3   A.   Yes, it was.

4   Q.   How long did that take?

5   A.   Approximately five minutes.

6   Q.   Mr. Avery cooperative during that entire process?

7   A.   Yes, he was.

8   Q.   As you think back to that specific time,

9           Lieutenant Lenk, do you have an independent

10          memory of your sense of whether Mr. Avery may

11          have been involved in Ms Halbach's disappearance?

12  A.   My memory at that point was that I did not think

13          there was any involvement with Mr. Avery.

14  Q.   So you, Lieutenant James Lenk, the head of the

15          Detective Bureau, on the 4th of November, didn't

16          even think Steve was involved; is that what you

17          are telling us?

18  A.   That's correct.

19  Q.   Let me ask you this, Lieutenant Lenk, with that

20          having been said, did you take any steps from

21          that point forward to either plant evidence or to

22          ensure that Mr. Avery would be falsely accused of

23          that homicide?

24  A.   No, sir, I definitely did not.

25  Q.   Is that something that you have ever done in your



1 law enforcement career?

2 A. No, sir, I have never planted any evidence at any

3 time.

4 Q. Would you ever do something like that?

5 A. No, sir, I would not.

6 Q. The next day, on Saturday, the 5th of November;

7 do you remember that day?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. What were you doing that day, if you recall?

10 A. I was with my wife over near Menasha, looking for

11 a trailer for camping.

12 Q. Do you remember getting a call that day?

13 A. Yes, sir. I believe it was a page, initially.

14 Q. Did you speak with somebody?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. Who was that?

17 A. Detective Remiker.

18 Q. After getting the call from Detective Remiker,

19 did that affect your activities that morning?

20 A. Yes, sir. We stopped looking for the trailer and

21 I advised my wife, I have to get back, I have to

22 go to work.

23 Q. What did you do then?

24 A. We left the trailer sales, started to head home.

25 We got to Oneida and 441, my wife insisted that I

1           get something to eat because she knew that I  
2           wouldn't eat the rest of the day, so we stopped  
3           at Wendy's.  
4   Q.    Was that your idea?  
5   A.    No, it was not.  
6   Q.    But you stopped any way?  
7   A.    Yes, sir.  
8   Q.    All right. Where did you go then?  
9   A.    After we had a quick lunch at Wendy's, I went  
10        directly home. And then from home, I went to the  
11        department, to pick up my vehicle and my  
12        supplies.  
13   Q.    And when you talk about picking up a vehicle, can  
14        you describe that vehicle for us, please.  
15   A.    It's an unmarked police vehicle owned by  
16        Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.  
17   Q.    What kind of supplies did you pick up at the  
18        Sheriff's Department?  
19   A.    Briefcase with various papers in it, radio, that  
20        type of thing.  
21   Q.    Okay. Where did you go then?  
22   A.    I went from there to the Avery Salvage Yard.  
23   Q.    And, again, that's Exhibit No. 86; is that right?  
24   A.    That's correct.  
25   Q.    As you sit here today, Lieutenant Lenk, do you

1 recall about what time you arrived at that scene?

2 A. It was just shortly after 2:00, 2:05, somewhere

3 in there.

4 Q. Now, when you got to the scene, the Avery salvage

5 scene, had there been any kind of log in or check

6 in procedure put in place yet?

7 A. I don't recall a log in at that point.

8 Q. All right.

9 A. I just don't recall.

10 Q. What did you do when you got to the scene?

11 A. I met with the officers that were at the scene,

12 some from Manitowoc County, some from Calumet

13 County.

14 Q. Where did you meet with them?

15 A. Right at the beginning of the roadway where the

16 command center would have been set up.

17 Q. Can you show us on the diagram -- or excuse me,

18 the photo?

19 A. Would have been right in this area.

20 Q. Be an area just to the south of what we now know

21 are the business buildings; is that right?

22 A. That's correct, sir.

23 Q. I'm sorry, the north of. When you got there

24 Lieutenant Lenk, were there other members of your

25 department already on scene?

1 A. Yes, there were.

2 Q. Do you remember who you met with or who you saw

3 at that time?

4 A. I know I talked to Deputy Inspector Schetter.

5 I'm not real sure who else was there from our

6 department that I talked with, quite a few

7 officers there.

8 Q. From a hierarchy standpoint, or who's the boss

9 kind of a standpoint, is Deputy Inspector

10 Schetter, or was he at the time, ahead of you or

11 on top of you, regarding authority or rank within

12 the department?

13 A. Yes, sir, he was.

14 Q. Do you recall, Lieutenant Lenk, being involved,

15 or overhearing discussions regarding who should

16 lead up this investigation?

17 A. I believe, by the time I got there, that they had

18 already decided that Calumet County would lead

19 the investigation.

20 Q. All right. Were there Calumet County officers on

21 scene?

22 A. Yes, sir, I believe there were.

23 Q. At some point later that afternoon, do you recall

24 other officials arriving at the scene, including

25 myself, with the signed search warrant?

1 A. Yes, sir, I do.

2 Q. After D.A.'s and lead investigators got to the  
3 scene, were you asked to perform any duties at  
4 that scene?

5 A. Yes, sir. We were asked to assist Calumet  
6 County.

7 Q. From Manitowoc County, other than Deputy  
8 Inspector Schetter, was there any individual of  
9 higher rank than you at the scene?

10 A. I'm not sure. You mean from the sheriff's  
11 department?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. No, sir. I don't think so.

14 Q. All right. Now, looking at Exhibit No. 86 and  
15 remembering back to that first late afternoon; do  
16 you remember whether manpower issues were a  
17 factor that afternoon?

18 A. Yes, sir, they were a factor.

19 Q. Could you describe that for the jury. What does  
20 that mean?

21 A. That means that there was a very large area. The  
22 search warrants were already obtained and there  
23 was limited manpower to search that area.

24 Q. I'm sure most, if not all of these potential --  
25 or these jurors have not been to a crime scene;

1 is this a typical crime scene by way of size or  
2 scope?  
3 A. No, sir, it's not.  
4 Q. Can you describe better or explain that for the  
5 jury, please.  
6 A. Most crime scenes are a smaller area, either a  
7 house or a small yard, or a room, this area was  
8 immense.  
9 Q. When you arrived, did you appreciate the size or  
10 the scope of this effort?  
11 A. Yes. I also got a further appreciation the more  
12 I looked around the property.  
13 Q. All right. What did you believe Manitowoc County  
14 Sheriff's Department involvement was going to be  
15 at that scene?  
16 A. Our involvement was to be part of the search  
17 team, basically extra eyes and hands to do the  
18 searching.  
19 Q. Are you familiar with the term evidence tech?  
20 A. Yes, sir.  
21 Q. What is that?  
22 A. It's an individual on the police department, or  
23 sheriff's department, that has had some training  
24 in how to gather evidence and package evidence,  
25 at a crime scene.

1 Q. You talked about manpower before, was there an  
2 abundance of evidence techs at that scene?  
3 A. No, sir, there was not.  
4 Q. Are you an evidence tech, or were you?  
5 A. Yes, sir.  
6 Q. Do you know, at that scene, what other members of  
7 Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department would have  
8 similar training or experience as an evidence  
9 tech?  
10 A. Yes, sir. Sergeant Andy Colborn and Detective  
11 Dave Remiker.  
12 Q. Now, Lieutenant Lenk, prior to your arrival at  
13 the Avery Salvage Yard on the 5th, had you had  
14 previous dealings or contact with Steven Avery?  
15 A. Just the contact on the 4th of November.  
16 Q. Do you recall being one of many individuals  
17 involved in what's called a deposition, for  
18 Mr. Avery?  
19 A. Yes, sir.  
20 Q. And can you tell the jury about that process,  
21 please.  
22 A. Well, the process was, I received a subpoena to  
23 give a deposition in the Avery lawsuit case  
24 against Manitowoc County.  
25 Q. Did you respond to that subpoena, did you provide



1 testimony?

2 A. Yes, sir, I did.

3 Q. And so the jury understands, when Mr. Avery was

4 wrongfully convicted back in 1985, were you a

5 member of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's

6 Department?

7 A. No, I was not.

8 Q. Then, what involvement did you have; in other

9 words, what was your part of the deposition?

10 A. The part of the deposition was that I received a

11 statement from Sergeant Colborn, in 2003, I

12 believe, September, that he had taken a phone

13 call back in 1997, from another department, I

14 believe he said it was Brown County Sheriff's

15 Department, that they had in custody an

16 individual that had committed an assault in

17 Manitowoc County and that Manitowoc County had

18 someone in custody for that assault.

19 Q. Is that all?

20 A. That's all.

21 Q. Did you even receive that call back in the

22 mid-nineties?

23 A. No, sir, I did not.

24 Q. So your deposition was that you heard that Andy

25 Colborn got such a call; is that right?

1 A. Yes, sir, I received that information from Andy,  
2 himself.  
3 Q. Did that lawsuit cause you any personal or  
4 professional embarrassment?  
5 A. No, sir, it did not.  
6 Q. Did that lawsuit create any angst or ill feelings  
7 on your part?  
8 A. No, sir, it did not.  
9 Q. Did the fact of that lawsuit cause you any upset,  
10 or aggravation, or anger?  
11 A. No, sir, it did not.  
12 Q. Did that lawsuit cause you or compel you to -- to  
13 plant any evidence in this case?  
14 A. No, sir, definitely not.  
15 Q. What did you feel about that lawsuit; do you  
16 remember?  
17 A. I pretty much didn't care, one way or the other.  
18 Q. All right. How were individuals assigned  
19 responsibilities out at the Avery salvage  
20 property?  
21 A. I believe the assignments came through the two  
22 officers in charge, Agent Fassbender and  
23 Investigator Wiegert.  
24 Q. Was this a situation where you volunteered for a  
25 particular search or an area that you wanted to

1           become involved?

2       A.    No, sir.

3       Q.    Did you even know when you got your assignments

4           -- and we'll be talking about a couple later that

5           week -- but did you know where you were going to

6           be assigned?

7       A.    No, sir.

8       Q.    Lieutenant Lenk, were you made aware that search

9           teams were being assembled?

10      A.    Yes, sir.

11      Q.    And was there anything unique about the law

12           enforcement officers that were being selected for

13           those search teams, if you know?

14      A.    I don't know, specifically, other than that they

15           were to have a Calumet officer in charge of the

16           team.

17      Q.    What I'm asking, though, is the other -- other

18           than a Calumet County lead person involved, the

19           others that were chosen to be on that team, did

20           they have any unique or similar quality about

21           them?

22      A.    Yes, sir. They were requesting anyone that had

23           evidence technician experience.

24      Q.    As a supervisor and as a long time law

25           enforcement officer, do you have an opinion as to

1           why that was being done?

2       A.   My opinion is they wanted the best people that

3           they could get, at the scene, to do the

4           searching.

5       Q.   All right. That first night, were you made a

6           part of one of those teams?

7       A.   Yes, sir.

8       Q.   Who was in charge or who was the lead officer in

9           your search team?

10      A.   Sergeant Bill Tyson.

11      Q.   Now, you are a lieutenant and he was a sergeant;

12           is that right?

13      A.   That's correct, sir.

14      Q.   Did you have any concern or problem with taking

15           directional orders from Sergeant Tyson?

16      A.   No, sir.

17      Q.   Did you believe at that time, or actually

18           throughout this entire investigation, that rank

19           had anything to do with who was calling the

20           shots?

21      A.   No, sir, I did not.

22      Q.   Tell the jury, if you recall, when that first

23           team was assembled, if there were particular

24           responsibilities that each officer had?

25      A.   Each officer was assigned a certain area of

1        searching. It was done as a team, but each  
2        officer was assigned a certain particular area of  
3        a room, or living room, or kitchen, of an area  
4        that he was responsible for, or a team of  
5        officers would be responsible for.

6        Q. All right. Was there direction that your team  
7        received about items of evidentiary value and who  
8        should take them into custody or who should seize  
9        them?

10      A. Yes, we were told that all evidence would be  
11      collected by Calumet County officers. All  
12      reports would be done by Calumet County officers.  
13      And basically we were there just to assist in the  
14      searching process.

15      Q. Let's talk about reports for a minute. Wouldn't  
16      it be typical for each individual officer at a  
17      scene like this to do their own reports?

18      A. Normally, yes.

19      Q. Are you saying this was different or you were  
20      given different direction?

21      A. We were given different directions, yes.

22      Q. The first area that you were involved personally,  
23      in searching on the 5th, was what?

24      A. Steven Avery's trailer.

25      Q. Can you tell us who the other members of your

1 search team were?

2 A. Sergeant Tyson, Sergeant Colborn and Detective

3 Remiker.

4 Q. The jury has already heard this a couple of times

5 so we're not going to go piece by piece, I'm sure

6 thankfully; but could you just tell us the rooms

7 that were searched by the search team, please.

8 A. The rooms that were searched would be the

9 southernmost bedroom, that would be Steven

10 Avery's bedroom; the hallway; the bathroom that

11 is next to the bedroom; next to the bathroom area

12 is a second bedroom that was searched; next to

13 the bath -- or the second bedroom is the living

14 room area; followed by the kitchenette area; and

15 the kitchen.

16 Q. I'm not sure my math is that great, Lieutenant,

17 but how long have you been a police officer, just

18 total number of years?

19 A. Around 24 year.

20 Q. In 24 years of law enforcement experience, have

21 you been involved in searches of residences and

22 property before?

23 A. Yes, I have.

24 Q. Are there different kinds of searches?

25 A. I'm not sure what you mean.

1 Q. Well, if a property, a residence, as an example,  
2 is to be searched by you or another law  
3 enforcement officer; are you familiar with the  
4 detail in which some of those searches are  
5 performed in?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Was this first search of the Avery property  
8 intended to be a thorough, tear the place apart,  
9 type search?

10 A. No, sir, it was not. It was more of a general  
11 search.

12 Q. All right. I guess that's my question, maybe  
13 tell the jury what you believed a general search  
14 was?

15 A. At that time, a general search was looking for  
16 any obvious signs for the missing Teresa Halbach,  
17 in that trailer. It's pretty generalized at that  
18 point.

19 Q. Do you know about how long you guys took in that  
20 trailer?

21 A. I believe it was around two and a half hours.

22 Q. All right. During that initial search, did you  
23 notice any firearms in Mr. Avery's bedroom?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Can you describe what you saw, please.



1 A. There was a gun rack above the head of the bed,  
2 in the bedroom area. There were two firearms in  
3 there. I believe one was a .22 and one was a  
4 muzzleloader firearm.

5 Q. You said that you searched the entire trailer.  
6 After that first search was complete, of Steven's  
7 trailer, can you tell the jury what you did,  
8 please.

9 A. After that search was completed, I think we ended  
10 for the day.

11 Q. Was there some meeting or something that occurred  
12 before you left?

13 A. Yes, there was a meeting at the command center.

14 Q. What's the purpose of that?

15 A. To discuss what had been done and what needs to  
16 be done the next day.

17 Q. Lieutenant Lenk, any time on the 5th of November,  
18 did you have any contact with Teresa Halbach's  
19 SUV?

20 A. No, sir, I did not.

21 Q. Did you have any contact with her SUV on the 4th  
22 of November, or the 3rd of November, or in fact  
23 any time there before?

24 A. No, sir, I did not.

25 Q. Were you asked to return to the property the next

1 day, the 6th?

2 A. Yes, sir, I was.

3 Q. And can you describe for the jury what your  
4 responsibilities were on the 6th, please.

5 A. On the 6th we met at the command center. We were  
6 assigned to Deputy Kucharski. And I believe we  
7 were to search the garage on Steven Avery's  
8 portion of the property.

9 Q. Describe the kind of search that was, please.

10 A. Again, that was a general search for any  
11 indications of Teresa Halbach.

12 Q. Where did you go after that?

13 A. I believe we went -- got -- either went back to  
14 the command center or received information from  
15 them for the next place to search.

16 Q. Do you remember how long you were in the garage,  
17 roughly?

18 A. Maybe an hour, hour and a half, I'm not exactly  
19 sure.

20 Q. Now, the question, Lieutenant Lenk, is searching  
21 that garage for an hour, or an hour and a half,  
22 do you believe that you found, or would have  
23 found everything of any evidentiary value in that  
24 garage?

25 A. At that time we thought we found everything that

1           was of evidentiary value, yes.

2       Q.   All right. Do you remember the interior of that

3           garage, as you think back?

4       A.   Yes, I do.

5       Q.   Was there a lot of things in that garage?

6       A.   Yes, sir, it was full of things.

7       Q.   All right. Were you informed, Lieutenant Lenk,

8           of how long, that is, the estimated time that law

9           enforcement was going to keep control of this

10          scene? Did you know that first day?

11       A.   No, I didn't know that first day.

12       Q.   Did you know whether you were going to do

13           additional searches of either residences, or

14           garages, or outbuildings, or anything like that?

15       A.   Yes, we planned on doing additional searches of

16           the buildings.

17       Q.   Let me ask you, Lieutenant Lenk, on the 6th, that

18           is, on that Sunday, did you have occasion to

19           assist other officers in a search of the

20           defendant's sister's home, that's Barb Janda?

21       A.   Yes, sir.

22       Q.   Could you describe that search, generally, for

23           us, please.

24       A.   That was, again, a general search looking for

25           items that might relate to Teresa Halbach.

1 Q. Do you remember Detective Remiker noticing and  
2 investigating an answering machine at that time?  
3 A. Yes, sir.  
4 Q. Were you asked to return to Steve Avery's trailer  
5 at all?  
6 A. Yes, sir, I think we were.  
7 Q. And do you remember the scope of that?  
8 A. I believe we were asked to go back, as a team, to  
9 collect the firearms, a vacuum cleaner and the  
10 bedding, I believe, off the spare bedroom.  
11 Q. Again, who was in charge of seizing and taking  
12 control of the evidence on that day?  
13 A. Calumet County officer Deputy Kucharski.  
14 ATTORNEY KRATZ: I just have two other  
15 points, Judge, and then I will recommend that we  
16 quit for the day, but let me finish this day, if I  
17 may.  
18 Q. On the 6th, Lieutenant Lenk, were there other  
19 buildings that you were asked to search?  
20 A. Yes, sir, there were.  
21 Q. What were those buildings?  
22 A. There was a large business office area building,  
23 I believe they called it the office. And we also  
24 searched, I believe it was Mr. Chuck Avery's  
25 residence.

1 Q. All right. And the same search team that is  
2 headed by Kucharski was involved in those  
3 searches as well?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. All right.

6 ATTORNEY KRATZ: I do recommend, Judge, and  
7 this may be a good time to break for the day and  
8 call this witness tomorrow morning.

9 THE COURT: All right. Members of the  
10 jury, I will remind you, again, that you are not to  
11 discuss this case at all and make sure you don't  
12 watch any news accounts about the case this evening.  
13 We'll see you tomorrow morning.

14 ATTORNEY STRANG: Your Honor?

15 THE COURT: Yes.

16 ATTORNEY STRANG: While we still have the  
17 jury, I forgot to move in Exhibit 212, Sergeant  
18 Colborn; 213 was only marked and need not be moved  
19 in.

20 ATTORNEY KRATZ: No objection.

21 THE COURT: 212, you are asking for  
22 admission?

23 ATTORNEY STRANG: Yes.

24 THE COURT: Court will admit 212. Very  
25 well, you are excused for the day.

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(Jury not present.)

THE COURT: All right. Counsel, we'll see  
you tomorrow morning.

ATTORNEY STRANG: 8:30?

THE COURT: Yes.

ATTORNEY KRATZ: Thank you, Judge.

(Proceedings concluded.)

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